New trails

More Ochoco mountain bike trails possible

Loop system proposed for Lookout Mountain

By Dylan J. Darling
The Bulletin
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The Ochoco National Forest is proposing more miles of mountain bike trails on and around Lookout Mountain east of Prineville, part of parallel efforts to make Crook County a magnet to cyclists.

Under the plan, the forest would create a 75.2-mile network of trails, using existing trails, converting roads to trails and blazing new trail. About 25 percent of the network would be new trail. Most of that would be along U.S. Forest Service roads 22 and 42. Currently there is a 54.9-mile network at Lookout Mountain of trails and closed or decommissioned roads.

The bigger trail network would be a mountain biking destination, drawing riders to Crook County to spend more time on the trails and stay overnight, said Seth Crawford, a county commissioner.

"Currently, it is an afternoon ride," he said.

Along with the expansion of the Lookout Mountain Trail network, Crawford said there are efforts in Crook County to put in a bike park with obstacles to ride over next to Ochoco Creek Park, add multipurpose trails open to bikes near Meadow Lakes Golf Course and improve road biking options.

The current Lookout Mountain Trail network probably sees a few thousand mountain bikers a year, said Kent Koeller, a recreation planner. The numbers are a fraction of the amount of riders annually visiting Central Oregon's premiere destinations — Phil's Trail near Bend and Peterson Ridge near Sisters.

"What we are lacking (are) the loop opportunities," Koeller said.

The trails, about an hour's drive from Bend, offer a change-up from other Central Oregon mountain bike trails. The soils, terrain and forest found in the trail system aren't like those near Bend and Sisters, said Kate Klein, supervisor of the Ochoco National Forest.

"So it provides some different options for riding," she said.

The Central Oregon Trail Alliance, a Bend-based mountain bike advocacy group with a Crook County chapter, worked with the national forest in the planning of the proposed trail changes at Lookout Mountain.

The trails will be more accessible earlier in the spring than those west of Bend, because of the terrain and elevation , wrote Darlene Henderson, Crook County chapter representative for COTA.

"In addition, they will be less crowded and offer more solitude," she wrote. "I expect that this will attract trail users from all over Central Oregon, including Prineville and Crook County, as well as tourist(s) traveling to the area to vacation and recreate."

The trails would be open to other nonmotorized use, such as hikers and horseback riders, but the emphasis is mountain biking.

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Support

Economic Development, local and regional economies.

Health

Demand

Against

Backcountry Horse

- Concerned they're not involved in the process. Jerry Bentz
- Linda Holta (concerned about conflict)
- Conflict, affects on wild horses. (Brandi Ebner OR Horse country advisory board)
- Affect riding experience, conflict
- Conflict (Kathy Wilson)
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Wild Horses

Wild Horse Template letter: Impacts to Wild Horses, User Conflicts, Impacts to Wildlife, question the purpose and need. (15 letters)

Judith Gwaltnry- will destroy the horse population.

Affects to wild horses, increase vehicle traffic,. Decrease water quality.

Hikers

- Affects hiking experience negatively. Hiking trails into biking trails (Chris Scranton)
- Environmental Concerns; wild flowers, erosion (Herrick)
- Weeds (Zdanowicz)
- Affect quality of hiking experience. (Leslie Koc, Tom Obrien
- Environmental Concerns, weeds (Rene Smith)

Kenna Hoyser

Issue with COTA, FS, left out of process. Multi-use trails are really bike trails. Trust with FS.

Connie Baker

User conflict. Mistrust; affect quality of the equestrian and hiking expericmce.

Karen Coulter

Concerns about the Gap Sale

Concerned about Sec 19-30, east of ranger station

Wondering about use Brush Creek trail.

Concerned about 42 road black top trail

Doug Heiken

Opposed to Brush Creek trail because it bisects the least disturbed part of the IRA. Potential Alternative

Designated use trail to avoid conflict.

Starkey Forest Research (wildlife disturbance)

Oregon Equestrian Trail (Kim McCarrel)

Concerned about user conflict.

Concerned about parking (Independent Trail)

Doesn't support Ranger station endurance trail.

Jamie Sheahan (concerned about opening up decommissioned road)

Becky Hope

Multi use trails built to equestrian standards

Impacts on wild horses

Requesting trail classification standards and trail management objectives. *Kent will respond

Betty Jeane Keele

Equestrian rider- equestrian trail standards

Line of sight distance, bridges, grades

Impacts on wild horses.

Multi-use in name only,

Pat Marquis

Inherent distrust –it's a bike initiative, changing forest character, increased conflict, safety concerns

Why build new trails if we can't maintain the system that we have .

George Wuerthner

Compromising future options for wilderness. Starkey reference.

Kate Beardsley

Supportive of non motorized trail use

Concerned about impacts on wild horses.

Veiled attempt to make mountain bike trails.

Backcountry Horseman (Pat Marquis)

Recreationally facility analysis: Niche statement edge of solitude.

Safety issue- line of site, increased congestion,.

Question about parking. /congestion. Conflict between horses and bikers.

Trail maintenance backlog

Recommend collaborative effort between user groups.

Jean Clancey

User conflict and impacts of wildlife.

Paul Dewey

Supportive with caveats

Concerned about brush creek trail

Request cumulative impacts of this project and OHV

Environmental concerns

Summary

 Closing or decommissioning Brush Creek trail

Create designated trail system (hike only on Brush Creek); equestrian standards

Designate Coyle Butte section as a trail (multi-use/designate)

Create parking to deal with congestion.

Drop the trail in the Wild Horse management area (Eliminated from Detailed Study)

Way forward

Meeting

Meet with Greg Curry

Deschutes planner

TRAIL DETAILS 201_

NAME	ID #	Difficulty	Length	Elevation Gains	Trail Condition	Road Access Info
Alder Springs	855	difficult, steep	4.4	2120-2550'	Good - trail work is regularly done by volunteer FANS group	Bumpy, minimal maintenance
Baneberry	812	Easy	0.75		Good - easy trail for a family outing	Good Road Access
Bandit Nordic/Bike					Poor	Highway access
Barnhouse	813		2.4		Good	Good Road Access
Belknap	833a	Difficult	2.3	4000-5200'	Good, some down logs	Good
Black Canyon , Boein	820	Difficlut	11.6	2850-6350'	Good - Trail work scheduled for summer 2014 by AmeriCorps crews and contractors	Good Road Access to Boeing Field Trailhead
Coffee Pot	820b		1	4750 - 5620	Poor	Good Road Access, limited parking
Green Mountain	831	Difficult	9	4500-5200	Fair	Good Road Access
Cougar Creek	835	Difficult	8.2	3400-4900'	Fair to Good - Cougar West to Scotty good. Cougar East should be completed by late July	Good Road Access
Fry Springs Spur	816a		0.2	4550 - 5830'	Poor, needs work	Good Road Access
Giddy-Up-Go	830		7.05		Poor - Difficulty finding trail, needs brushing, user made trails crisscross. Will get brushed out summer 2014	Good Road Access
Giddy-Up-Tie	830a		1.5		Poor - Difficulty finding trail, needs brushing, user made trails crisscross	Good Road Access
Gray Butte	852	Easy to Difficult	6.3	3300-4400'	Good - Maintenance will be performed by COYCC in 2014	From the North access is good, from the Skull Hollow area it is rutted and not suited for a passenger car
Hammer Creek	840	Difficult		4500 - 5200'	Not maintained, difficult to find	Good Road Access
Independent Mine	808	Difficult	8		Good	Good Road Access
Keeton	815	Difficult	8.4	4550 - 5850'	Poor	Good Road Access
Kelsey	820c	Difficult	1.7	3910 - 5380	Poor	Good Road Access
Line Butte	807		3.6		Good -some down logs in one section	Good Road Access
Line Butte Tie	807a		2.7		Good	Same as Line Butte
Lookout Maintain	804	Difficult	11	4000-6900'	Good - Trail maintenance is performed annually, some down logs around Line Butte Tie in	Good Road Access
Mascall Corral	822		2		Not maintained, difficult to find	Not recommended
McGinis Creek	802	Difficult	4		Not maintained, difficult to find	Good access at Bandit Springs
Motherlode Mine	808a		1.2		Good	Good Road Access
Ochoco Mountain	823		23.5		Poor, needs log out	Good Road Access
Old Bridge	855a		0.2		Good	Good Road Access
Owl Creek	820a		0.5		Good - Trail work scheduled for summer 2014 by AmeriCorps crews and contractors	Good Road Access
Payton	820d		3.6	3500 - 5250'	Trail work scheduled for summer 2014 by AmeriCorps crews and contractors	Good Road Access
Ponderosa	801	Easy	1.6		Good, mostly old roads	Good Road Access
Potlid	836	Difficult	6.5		Poor - Difficulty finding trail, needs major maintenance	Good Road Access
Rider Ridge-Cole Loo	854	Easy to Difficult	23.2	2900-4200'	Good with some rutting over the winter. Trail Maintenance will be performed by COYCC in 2014	Skull Hollow Road rutted, bumpy
Rider Ridge-Warner I	584a	Easy to difficult	8.9	2900-4200'	Good - some signs have been removed by vandals, will be replaced in summer 2014	Skull Hollow Road rutted, bumpy Access from Cyrus CG
Rimrock Springs	850	Easy	1.3	3100-3191'	Good	Highway access
Round Mountain	805	Difficult	9	5400-6750'	Good - Trail maintenance is performed annually by Old Goats Volunteer Group	Good Road Access
Scotty Creek	838	Difficult	4.3		Fair but will get brushed out in summer 2014	Good Road Access
South Prong	821	Most Difficult	5.5	3550 - 4950'	Needs brushing, scheduled for 2014	Good Road Access
Steins Pillar	837	More Difficult	1.8	4200 - 4400'	Needs brushing, scheduled for 2014	Good Road Access
Sugar Creek	824	Easy	0.5	4000 - 4000	Good	Good Road Access
Sugar Creek Spur A	824a	Easy	0.04	4000 - 4000	Good	Good Road Access
Sugar Creek Spur B	824b	Easy	0.03	4000 - 4000	Good	Good Road Access
TamALau	856	Medium	5.3		Good	Good Road Access
Twin Pillars	832	Difficult	8.7	3750-5850	Good	Good Road Access
Twin Pillars Spur	832a		0.4	3750-5850	Good	Good Road Access
Walton Lake	809	Easy	1.8	5150 - 5150'	Good	Good Road Access
Wildcat	833	More Difficult	8.85	5350 - 5750'	Good	Rough road to White Rock CG, not recommended for passenger cars
TOTAL MILES			197.42			

LEGEND:

Condition	
Good	
Fair	
Poor	

Bicycling boosts Crook County economy

Mountain biking, related activities add tourism jobs

By Stephen Hamway
The Bulletin
Nov 11, 2015

Long known as a regional center for logging and agriculture, Crook County is trying to attract a different outdoor industry.

The county has a number of projects designed to make Prineville a regional hub for bicycle-related tourism, including the first Ochoco Gravel Roubaix, a bike race that drew 150 riders, and a 1.5-acre bike park in Prineville slated to open next spring.

Perhaps most importantly, several public and private parties are adding to the region's mountain biking trails, leveraging the city's proximity to the Ochoco Mountains and 66 acres of state land in southwest Prineville, known locally as the Lower 66. Central Oregon Trail Alliance is adding to the approximately 3 miles of nonmotorized trails in the Lower 66, according to Darlene Henderson, COTA's Crook County chapter representative.

Casey Kaiser, executive director of the Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce, said the addition, which is designed to extend trails to the top of the rim overlooking downtown Prineville, would add up to 15 miles of trails to the system within three to five years.

Additionally, Kaiser said Crook County wants to double the amount of single-track trails in the Ochocos, to around 150 miles. These trails, which could be complete within five to 10 years with help from volunteers and various state and federal agencies, represent an opportunity to diversify the Crook County economy, Kaiser said.

"Prineville historically has been pretty dependent on industries that have had a lot of ebbs and flows," he said.

Crook County's economic recovery has lagged behind the rest of Central Oregon. In September, Crook County had a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate that was more than 3 percentage points higher than the rate in adjacent Deschutes County, according to the Oregon Employment Department. Woodgrain Millwork, once Crook County's third-largest employer, will be shuttering its remaining operations in Prineville at the beginning of 2016.

However, the leisure and hospitality sector has bounced back somewhat in recent years. In the second quarter of 2015, 633 jobs in Crook County were in leisure and hospitality, up from 589 during the same period in 2014. County Commissioner Seth Crawford said bike-related tourism is leading the charge.

"I've seen a lot more people coming into town and eating in town and staying in hotels here," Crawford said. "Outdoor tourism is really our bread-and-butter."

Outdoor tourism in Prineville received a boost in October 2014, when Good Bike Co., the first retail bike shop in town, opened on NE Third Street.

"You need about three, four things for that (bicycle) industry to flourish, and I filled one of those gaps," said owner James Good. "It gives you more validity … as an industry within the community."

Good said one advantage that Crook County has over other mountain biking destinations is its remote location. Unlike Bend or Hood River, it's easy to find relatively deserted biking trails near Prineville.

Kaiser added that the trails in the Ochocos tend to be more rugged and technically challenging, which attracts a different demographic. The only thing missing, Good said, is more trails.

"You talk to anyone in Bend, if they know the Ochocos, they'll say it's probably some of the best single-track riding in Central Oregon," he said.

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Meeting w/ Kim McCarrel (Oregon Equestrian Trails) & Jim Beaupre 4/8/2015

- OET letter writing process
- 10 or so passionate folks gathered to discuss the Scoping Letter
- All provided input, with different ideas and attitudes, but Kim hashes out all those ideas and formulates the letter that everyone agrees on.

- Kim suggested that some passionate users from the equestrian, biker and hiker community get together in a fashion similar to the Sisters Trails Alliance. This could be a more unified advisory group that the specific user groups and has worked will for Sisters.

- Kim suggested it would be useful for I or Environmental Coordinator to come to OET and BCH meetings to discuss the NEPA process, what we expect with this project and how to provide a substantive comment. She has meetings May 5th and June 2nd, I suggest Jeff and I go in June. She also provided me BCH contact for meetings and it would be good to do the same for them.

- Kim suggested a potential bikes off limits period for the Endurance Ride timeframe.

- Jim suggested looking at elk calving/wild horse foaling seasons and potential areas for wildlife closures. Deschutes has this for elk on some trails and would be good gesture for wildlife and wild horse concerns if the need is indeed there when we are writing the EA.

- Jim will provide Kim with the equestrian contacts that have been coming to the Crook County COTA meetings. She is interested in engaging with them as Kim is able to come to planning and coordination meetings but not available for Ochoco trailwork in the long run.

- Jim will reach out to Kate Beardsley for LNT and trail etiquette information. Kate is a Master Educator in LNT, as is Jim and there is great potential for interpretive panels/online info/brochures to educate all users on LNT and detailed trail etiquette beyond the basic yield to other users triangle.

- Jim shared Sandy's experience in N. Carolina where there are separate weekends for equestrians and bikes. Kim and I both agreed that the use level does not warrant this now, but depending on dramatic increase in use it should be on the radar in the future.

- We discussed a concept of at least one horse only weekend and one bike only weekend followed up by a joint weekend where there is a focus on educating horses to bikes and educating bikers to horse needs/nuances when meeting on the trail in different situations.

- Horses are riding on historic trails, some of which are near fall line and inappropriate for bikes and especially bikes and horses meeting. In these spots we should look at flowy bike specific routes around the steep, dangerous pitches. There are other spots where just opening lines of sight would reduce conflict.

- It would be great for equestrians and bikers to hike and flag routes together. "Prineville Trail Alliance" routes rather than COTA only designed routes.

- Kim suggested Jim/Ochoco meet with Gaile Hunt and Connie Baker to discuss wild horse issues early, rather than wait until the EA is underway.

- Jim and Kim looked at the amount of new trail in the HMA. There is not much new planned within the HMA, as most is along 42 and 22 which is already disturbed and used by equestrians and bikers…not much more new disturbance areas for wild horses.

- Wild Horse Census in June…Jim should attend and meet n greet wild horse enthusiasts.

- Parking will likely be a big issue for equestrians. Increased load of bikers cars could block minimally available trailer parking. Jeff suggested that this may not be an issue if the Ranger Station parking becomes available for horse trailer traffic.

- Parking example at Maston 18 trailer spots, 36 single car spots. Often cars are inappropriately parked in trailer parking (in the middle, directly in front or being or too close to sides). Bikers often don't understand equestrian trailering needs.

- Pat and Rhonda Marquis are unavailable this summer while Rhonda rides the PCT, but back in Fall and would be great folks to involve in the process.

- Kreg Lindberg's economic impacts of bikes/events. Equestrians are not tracked like the bikers are and are not often included in the economic contribution conversation. Also, there is misunderstanding the equestrians have more money to spend than bikers, this is not usually the case as seen in Kreg's analysis.

Subject: FW: Lookout Trail Conditions

From: Beaupre, James - FS
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2016 10:56 AM
To: Bendcable <(b)(6)>; Asbridge, Gary -FS <gasbridge@fs.fed.us>
Cc: Buck Davis <
Subject: RE: Lookout Trail Conditions

Thanks Stan! I'm looking forward to it as well. We'll touch base the week ahead to confirm time/location/logistics but this all sounds great!

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From: Bendcable [mailto:(b)(6)
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Cc: Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us>; Buck Davis <(b)(6)
Subject: Re: Lookout Trail Conditions

O900 should work unless someone has a conflict.
Thanks
Stan

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 3, 2016, at 11:35 AM, Asbridge, Gary -FS <gasbridge@fs.fed.us> wrote:

On my calendar. Assume 0900 start at old ranger station as proposed before? Looking forward to it! Haven't been on a horse in years.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 1:41 PM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us>
Cc: Asbridge, Gary -FS <gasbridge@fs.fed.us>; Buck Davis <g(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: Lookout Trail Conditions

Jim,

Buck and I are good for the 27th of June. We look forward to the ride!

Thanks, Stan

On 5/31/16 3:25 PM, Beaupre, James - FS wrote:

Stan,

Thanks for understanding about us bowing out due to mud and blowdown issues this Friday.

Gary and I are open, June 27th and July 1 if one of those dates seems better for you.

Buck, maybe you can join us on one of these dates as well?

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Cc: Asbridge, Gary -FS <gasbridge@fs.fed.us>
Subject: FW: Lookout Trail Conditions

Stan,

See below Tom Mountz assessment of Lookout.

One of our facilities guy stopped by and reports about 75 trees down on Lookout.

Sounds like we would have a rough go of it this Friday. I'm thinking we should postpone for drier conditions and more time for logout to occur.

Let me know what you think when you get a chance. Thanks Stan!

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From: Tom Mountz [mailto:(b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, May 28, 2016 11:35 AM
To: Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us>
Cc: Peterson, Drew - FS <drewdpeterson@fs.fed.us>
Subject: Re: Lookout Trail Conditions

I think you are a couple weeks early, Jim. We cleared Line Butte Trail (807) the other day and it was wet enough that we were packing a lot of mud on the boots and that was on the dry side of the hill. Only 8 miles of the 30 are done and unfortunately they in about 3 different pieces. Give me a call for more detail if you like. 541 420-2437

On Thu, May 26, 2016 at 12:29 PM, Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us> wrote:
Tom,

Stan Shepardson with Backcountry Horsemen has offered to take Gary Asbridge and I on a ride to Lookout to take a look at the trail, potential bike/horse conflict areas and give us the horse-high perspective of the trail and issues.

Curious what you think of attempting this June 3. Drew believes there may be lots of logout remaining and snow in the higher, north slope areas and might not be ripe to attempt by next Friday. Any thoughts you might have on that would help us plan for that or make a contingency plan if not.

Thanks Tom!

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Attendees: Gary Asbridge & Jim Beaupre (USFS), Casey Kaiser(Chamber), Buck Davis & Stan Shepardson (BCH), James Good & Sean Callaghan(CC COTA/Goodbike LLC), Kit Dickey (OFRC member and avid hiker/trails volunteer leader)

Casey provided background: In the past few years there has been a steady stream of people coming to Chamber to discuss trails and access. The Chamber became very interested in the Forest trail network and local & tourist use and desires of the network. Casey had seen first-hand how users can create a network as he was an early rider in the Bend area and the problems that user created trails present for the land manager and resources. He thought perhaps it makes sense to capture user groups and come up with a unified strategy for sustainable trails managed by the Ochoco NF. This approach would help mitigate effects by being proactive and engaging users early. User group leaders can influence where and when users utilize the network and connect with local landowners in the area. The hope is that it would get users to work together on issues, opportunities, and priorities of a long term sustainable trails strategy through a user led process.

Gary spoke on the FS goals and interest:

- Stressed this would be a user led process.
- Come together and bring forth ideas/concerns that FS can use to implement the most sustainable trails network possible.
- If outcome is a TUG (Trail User Group), great! If not, OK!
- Will hire facilitator for long term effort.
- More and more people coming to area.
- Help get us ahead of the curve.
- Create a trails network that meets the needs of existing and future users while minimizing effects on the ground and resources.

Casey spoke on Chambers thoughts/goals:

- First thought when hearing from people...We need more trails, more linear feet!
- Then recognized that may not be what we want or need.
- Want to keep natural resources pointed in a positive direction.
- 20% year over year growth predicted by Chamber.
- National tourism and trail use are all growing trends. Want to reconnect with land.
- Growth may steepen exponentially.

Kim:

- Applauds Chamber for getting involved.
- Visit Bend is increasing tourism to area. Discussed potential of getting $ back from businesses for FS/tourism issues. Organizations are just now recognizing their impacts and potential benefits to public lands and providing and maintaining a great trail network in the area.

Casey:

- Chamber recognized we are little undeveloped here in Prineville for demands of increased tourisim.

Gary:

- Hope to bring users together to gain a social license to move forward on NEPA/planning with a unified trail user group. "Go slow to go fast" and improve NEPA timelines on the back end.

Kim:

- Aware of Sisters Trail Alliance? All non-moto trails in area, get to know each other, avoid problems, collaborative getting all users in a room is very helpful.

Casey:

- Passionate Wild Horse enthusiasts have come to Chamber, upset by someone proposing trail in herd management area. Need to be at table at some point and to some degree.
- If that's not a good place, where is, where would you put it? That gets them thinking...I don't know let's look at it together!
- What's the problem? What is a solution? What gets you to support the project?

Stan:

- Need to keep values in mind. Why do we like going on OCH trails? What do we value about those trails? Have values recognized and in place before it becomes a problem?

Gary:

- We have some $ for a facilitator. Does everyone think that is valuable to have one person leading and consolidating...all agreed.

Brainstorm Session>>>>>

Kim:

- Popular equestrian area Mann Camp/Corral Flat – used in the Bandit Springs endurance ride is impacted by OHV plan. Would like to see endurance trails as system trails.

Who is missing?:

- More hiking/running/pedestrian representation. Kit is our go to, but could use more.
- Any organized groups...Central Oregon Runners Klub. CORK. Prineville> PORK.
- Audubon/Native Plant Society?
- Silver Striders/Pam Kirk?
- Sierra Club...did not respond to Casey's invite.
- Oregon Hunters Association?
- Wild Turkey Federation?
- RMEF?
- Wild Horse Coalition?

Casey:

- Visitors want a predictable experience. Steins Pillar example: Park here, hike this far, see this, see that, go back this way.
- Chamber can focus visitation by connecting with tourists.
- To the degree possible establishing places and experiences they can directly send people to focused spots.

Stan:

- Changed conditions in Phils area due to shuttle and increased downhill riders/experience.
- Fat bikes, technology changing, ebikes.

James:

- Bikers need 10-20 miles of experience. Equestrians need more or less depending. Hikers usually less.

Sean:

- CC COTA not interested in a smooth downhill/flow/majorly constructed trails. Want OCH trails to remain "old school" mountain bike trails. Rocky, ups and downs, tough experience. Naturally thins the crowd and conflict potentials.

Buck:

- Must sustain historical use. Example of equestrians being pushed out of Met/Win area due to increased bikes and events.

James:

- Daily struggle with wanting to increase biz but also enjoying and respecting the solitude of the OCH. Hasn't thought about history, but recognized now. Lots of money in cycle tourism.

Casey:

- Growth and increased use is going to happen. Little influence on population growth. Best chance is to preserve attributes and channel where users go.

Gary:

- Does everyone here see value to this? YES! Value of facilitator? YES!
- Deschutes TUG? Xc ski, snomo, bikes, equestrians.

Jim:

- Sees value in separating use with a core, inner circle of users. Expanded group with enviro/interest groups and FS specialists included.
- Invite extended group early so we all know issues up front.
- Might bring them in first...what do we want on OCH, then Extended group does not attend, while core group rolls up sleeves and works on issues, reconvene larger group at later meeting.

Buck:

- Trails Summit in Bend had a speaker from OSU about trail use. Parallel trails are the way to go.
- Sustainable wildlife and trail user plan.

Sean:

- OCH trails naturally sifts riders, we won't see beginner or downhill only types here due to terrain/trails.
- Kim stated that those that like this experience "rough riders" would tell others of the same mentality and we'll see increase in those types of riders.

Round Robin – few words from each about what you want from this>>>

Sean:

- More single track miles, connecting single track. Example: Potlid starts and ends in middle of nowhere, connect old roads to Cougar/Scotty trails. Not reincarnate Bend. Scenic, more classic single track.

Kit:

- Many trails start/end in nowhere. Up and downs, no real hiking experience designed for a hiker use/scenery. Example: Potlid, 7 miles of trail with only 2 miles of good experience for hikers.

Gary:

- Where now? Where in future? How can we design system to meet future needs.

Jim:

- Increase awareness of user groups and volunteer opportunities. Increase volunteer workforce to improve maintenance/sustainability/care of trails in long term. One common user group voice that can buffer extreme views and help FS with good decision making.

Kim:

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Gary spoke on the FS goals and interest:

- Stressed this would be a user led process.
- Come together and bring forth ideas/concerns that FS can use to implement the most sustainable trails network possible.
- If outcome is a TUG (Trail User Group), great! If not, OK!
- Will hire facilitator for long term effort.
- More and more people coming to area.
- Help get us ahead of the curve.
- Create a trails network that meets the needs of existing and future users while minimizing effects on the ground and resources.

Casey spoke on Chambers thoughts/goals:

- First thought when hearing from people...We need more trails, more linear feet!
- Then recognized that may not be what we want or need.
- Want to keep natural resources pointed in a positive direction.
- 20% year over year growth predicted by Chamber.
- National tourism and trail use are all growing trends. Want to reconnect with land.
- Growth may steepen exponentially.

Kim:

- Applauds Chamber for getting involved.
- Visit Bend is increasing tourism to area. Discussed potential of getting $ back from businesses for FS/tourism issues. Organizations are just now recognizing their impacts and potential benefits to public lands and providing and maintaining a great trail network in the area.

Casey:

- Chamber recognized we are little undeveloped here in Prineville for demands of increased tourisim.

Gary:

- Hope to bring users together to gain a social license to move forward on NEPA/planning with a unified trail user group. "Go slow to go fast" and improve NEPA timelines on the back end.

Kim:

- Aware of Sisters Trail Alliance? All non-moto trails in area, get to know each other, avoid problems, collaborative getting all users in a room is very helpful.

Casey:

- Passionate Wild Horse enthusiasts have come to Chamber, upset by someone proposing trail in herd management area. Need to be at table at some point and to some degree.
- If that's not a good place, where is, where would you put it? That gets them thinking...I don't know let's look at it together!
- What's the problem? What is a solution? What gets you to support the project?

Stan:

- Need to keep values in mind. Why do we like going on OCH trails? What do we value about those trails? Have values recognized and in place before it becomes a problem?

Gary:

- We have some $ for a facilitator. Does everyone think that is valuable to have one person leading and consolidating...all agreed.

Brainstorm Session>>>>>

Kim:

- Popular equestrian area Mann Camp/Corral Flat – used in the Bandit Springs endurance ride is impacted by OHV plan. Would like to see endurance trails as system trails.

Who is missing?:

- More hiking/running/pedestrian representation. Kit is our go to, but could use more.
- Any organized groups...Central Oregon Runners Klub. CORK. Prineville> PORK.
- Audubon/Native Plant Society?
- Silver Striders/Pam Kirk?
- Sierra Club...did not respond to Casey's invite.
- Oregon Hunters Association?
- Wild Turkey Federation?
- RMEF?
- Wild Horse Coalition?

Casey:

- Visitors want a predictable experience. Steins Pillar example: Park here, hike this far, see this, see that, go back this way.
- Chamber can focus visitation by connecting with tourists.
- To the degree possible establishing places and experiences they can directly send people to focused spots.

Stan:

- Changed conditions in Phils area due to shuttle and increased downhill riders/experience.
- Fat bikes, technology changing, ebikes.

James:

- Bikers need 10-20 miles of experience. Equestrians need more or less depending. Hikers usually less.

Sean:

- CC COTA not interested in a smooth downhill/flow/majorly constructed trails. Want OCH trails to remain "old school" mountain bike trails. Rocky, ups and downs, tough experience. Naturally thins the crowd and conflict potentials.

Buck:

- Must sustain historical use. Example of equestrians being pushed out of Met/Win area due to increased bikes and events.

James:

- Daily struggle with wanting to increase biz but also enjoying and respecting the solitude of the OCH. Hasn't thought about history, but recognized now. Lots of money in cycle tourism.

Casey:

- Growth and increased use is going to happen. Little influence on population growth. Best chance is to preserve attributes and channel where users go.

Gary:

- Does everyone here see value to this? YES! Value of facilitator? YES!
- Deschutes TUG? Xc ski, snomo, bikes, equestrians.

Jim:

- Sees value in separating use with a core, inner circle of users. Expanded group with enviro/interest groups and FS specialists included.
- Invite extended group early so we all know issues up front.
- Might bring them in first…what do we want on OCH, then Extended group does not attend, while core group rolls up sleeves and works on issues, reconvene larger group at later meeting.

Buck:

- Trails Summit in Bend had a speaker from OSU about trail use. Parallel trails are the way to go.
- Sustainable wildlife and trail user plan.

Sean:

- OCH trails naturally sifts riders, we won't see beginner or downhill only types here due to terrain/trails.
- Kim stated that those that like this experience "rough riders" would tell others of the same mentality and we'll see increase in those types of riders.

Round Robin – few words from each about what you want from this>>>

Sean:

- More single track miles, connecting single track. Example: Potlid starts and ends in middle of nowhere, connect old roads to Cougar/Scotty trails. Not reincarnate Bend. Scenic, more classic single track.

Kit:

- Many trails start/end in nowhere. Up and downs, no real hiking experience designed for a hiker use/scenery. Example: Potlid, 7 miles of trail with only 2 miles of good experience for hikers.

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Ochoco NF Trails Strategy Group

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- Results from Jim's survey coming soon from Buck and Sean. Kim's initial results from OET are:
    - All know grassland trails
    - Most know trails in Prineville vicinity
    - Few know Paulina trails
- Some discussion regarding NEPA and how it fits in with the process
    - Some trail alignments or fixes may not require NEPA if they are within 300 feet of the existing trail.
        - Gary wants to check into this as he does not believe this is a blanket situation. For example, if the reroute were to cross a stream that would definitely trigger NEPA analysis.
    - Gary commented that if we built a parallel system within 300 feet that weould require new NEPA
    - Kim mentioned the FS doing a better job with informing the public regarding NEPA projects. No longer surprised by scoping.

Vision Statement draft and hopeful finalization

- A vision statement should be aspirational in nature
- Discussed the need for the vision to include collaboration, tie to the values of a variety of user groups, outline the "why, what, how."
- Are we developing vision for the group and/or the trails system? Do we want two vision statements
- Stan's draft vision:
    - *Create a trail system set of values and strategies that improve, **through collaboration**, the experience of individual user groups while protecting and preserving the Forest's brand*
        - Bolded text added by group later, not bolded for emphasis.
- Gary's take on the group vision:
    - *Create a group of people who collaborate to develop consensus about trail related issues.*
- Discussed group's role; how close to or tied to Forest Service is the group?
    - Gary: Ultimately want to implement on the ground what the users (i.e. group) want

- o Casey: User groups propose trail ideas, other user groups didn't agree. Wouldn't it be great to get all users together to discuss? Would FS be at tale at all, sometimes, or all the time? He feels that yes, FS is critical to process.
- o Lisa: Convene to explicitly hear from users. FS is the decision maker but we don't want to make decisions in a vacuum.
- o Casey: His first thought regarding all of this was "We need more trails." Now wonders if that is true.
- o Sean: Should we involve wildlife earlier then when we get to NEPA stage?
- o Kit: This group probably doesn't need biologists; need expert input but maybe not biologists.
- o Gary: When we get to mapping stage then bring in biologists (and other specialists as necessary) to outline potential issues, etc.
  - ▪ For example the wildlife group has developed a new way to map out un-fragmented habitat we want to try and avoid.
- o Lisa: Need participant's experience, get their understanding on the table. Develop ideas surrounding how much space is needed, trail etiquette, long or short trails distances, etc.
  - ▪ These ideas can be aired in this group.

Final draft vision statement agreed to by group:

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Draft objectives/goals (our wants) to meet the vision

The following were ideas thrown out by all group members. I have organized them loosely into similar categories but they are not in order of priority or anything.

- • User safety is critical – need to acknowledge and address.
  - o Parallel trails
  - o Speed of travel concept applied
- • Our strategies/recommendations are consistent with the outstanding values of the Ochoco NF/Crooked River National Grassland (or in other words, the brand).
  - o What is the "brand?"
    - ▪ Scenic, geologic, biodiversity, wildlife, accessibility, climate, solitude?
- • Historical/cultural values are important.
  - o Preserve and protect.
  - o We have cool local history that we should present and disseminate.
- • Preserve and protect important geological values.
- • Preserve and protect important aquatics/wildlife/botanical values.
- • Determine, provide, and preserve a diverse set of opportunities for trail users
  - o Need to know the reasons why people use the trails and the experiences they seek.
- • Identify user group attributes and their specific needs.

- o   What trail(s) match best with specific user group needs
- o   Need concrete discussion surrounding the above.
- Consider using old roads, closed roads, etc. as part of the trail network.
  - o   This may be a priority consideration
  - o   Trails may include old roads, etc. that are, or become, part of the trails network.
- Assess the current trail network to determine if it meets the identified user needs.
  - o   If not determine what is needed to meet the needs.
- Identify and develop resources for maintaining the trails network.
  - o   Expand the volunteer network
- Want more loops and connectivity.
- We want professional promotion of the trail system/experience.
  - o   Appropriate for uses of trails
- Anticipate future uses (ebike hovercraft ☺) and how they will fit with the current and future network.

Agenda topics for the next meeting

- Determine trails strategy group makeup and size
- Define known/perceived challenges and conflict with current trail system
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- List what uses are growing, declining, perhaps coming but yet here

Ochoco NF Trails Strategy Group

Meeting Notes

July 11, 2017

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Agenda

Intros
Revisit Vision – Put sustainable in front of range
Determine Group Size and Makeup
Define known/perceived challenges and conflicts with current trail system
List user group wants about trails experience
List uses and trends

- Facilitator? > YES! Casey has three names to solicit proposals and will work with Kit to hire. All have natural resource facilitation experience.

- Group size and makeup
  o Core Group – as is
  o Visiting experts/interests
  o Subcommittees
  o Anyone otherwise impacted – OHA, runners, etc.
  o Lisa suggested open houses down the road a bit to share info, get support, get ideas, etc.
  o Consider inviting county commissioners and others as warranted
  o Fundraising? Should we have a group member focused on this? Facilitator?
  o We can bring in others once we dive into trails specifics and needs. We will have more info down the road that could feed member makeup.

- Current challenges/conflicts of existing trail system
  o No loops
  o Increasing overall use (^ population)
  o Increasing variety of uses
  o More conflict potential between bikers and equestrians
  o Use is focused in certain areas
  o Lack of education regarding other user needs, etc.
  o Finding new ways to reach
  o Trails need info/kiosks to inform users about etiquette, etc.
  o Lack of maintenance
  o Maintenance needs to be geared towards designated trail use
  o Various user groups should coordinate maintenance

- o Some trails don't go where people want to go, or no trails go where people do want to go
- o People don't know where to find information regarding trail system, uses, etc.
- o Lack of funding
- o "New" users don't know/understand trail ethics
- o Adverse impacts to natural resources
- o Some trails get excessive use – tied to lack of maintenance
    - ▪ Lookout, Independent Mine, Round Mt
- o User safety (tied to user group conflicts, maintenance, excessive use)
- o Need complete info in all sources, including front desk, for users
- o Bendtrails.org is a good trail resource
- o Less opportunity for solitude, scenic views, etc
- o Factor in balance between user needs/wants and resource values
- o Speed of travel between user groups – leading to conflict?
- o Lack of facilities (restrooms, etc)

- • Can tailor opportunities based on user wants
    - o Fitness level
    - o Time needed
    - o Ease of use
    - o Access
        - ▪ This could be a table, chart, etc.

- • Future meetings
    - o Focus on one trail and work through issues, opportunities, funding needs, etc.
        - ▪ Gives us good feel for overall process
        - ▪ Combine experiences/desires with existing trails
    - o Trails Master Plan Analysis – Rapid Assessment Tool – go through exercise with the group
    - o NEPA 101
    - o Natural Resource concerns

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

November 7, 2017   11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce

Agenda

11:15 – 11:40a	Introductions & COIC Role
11:40a – 12:35p	Review of group work to date

- Vision & Goals (*Attachment A*)
- Group Process (*Attachment B*)
- Assessment of Existing Conditions (*Attachment C*)
- Strategies to Address Challenges (*Attachment D*)
- Supplementary Information Gathering (*Attachment E*)

12:35 – 1:05p	Begin outlining 12-month work plan
1:05 – 1:15p	Agenda topics for next meeting

Invoice Quarterly – how to pay.

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Attachment A: Vision & Goals

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Goals

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Trail Strategy Group Notes 10/3/17

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Ochoco Trail Strategy Group Notes - 12/6/2017

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-Intro – Halle

- Review of last meeting and handed out notes

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  - Buck – Somewhat complex problem to solve will help our process in the future. A simple trail problem won't show us all the problems we will face.
  - Kim – The other side of that is baby steps to learn as we go before tackling the most problematic.
  - One area as Pilot
    - More complex vs. Less complex
    - More complex would set stage for all issues

-Casey – What is our product? He thinks a comprehensive vision map would be best first step.

- "Trails Map" Vision of network.
- Comprehensive Sustainable Trail Network Vision
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-Gary shared his thoughts on the USFS perspective

- Ultimately, the Ochoco NF wants a sustainable trails network for non-motorized use. Sustainable, as defined by me, is a network that balances the experiential desires of users (current and future), environmental needs/requirements of the land, and the economic realities of trail (an associated infrastructure) construction and maintenance.
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  - A user led coalition built on respect, trust, and a common vision
  - A clear picture of the experiences different user groups desire and how trails provide (or don't provide) that experience
  - A proposed network of trails for the entire forest (and ultimately perhaps the Grassland) that is sustainable and provides a mix of experiences for all users

-Jim shared his desired outcomes concerning NEPA considerations

- Prioritized list
    - Where to go when there is little $/labor available?
    - Where to go when lots of $/labor available?
- Big EA or EIS vs. CEs?

-Halle discussed that maybe we start with a vision exercise first, single trail problem solving second. Hoping to have vision before end of winter.

-Stan suggests LOM is convenient and exists, why people are there. Would be good to get visitor counts on trails.

-Group Exercise

- Learn which trails are currently used by each user group.
- Learn which trails are ideally suited for and meet the needs of each user group.

<u>Logistics</u>

Red Dot = Equestrian

Blue Dot= Hikers

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3 – Neutral

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-Summary of Exercise

Equestrians: Giddy Up Go – 1, Twin Pillars bottom half – 1, Twin Pillars bottom half – 2, Belknap – 1, Wildcat – 1, Endurance Trail undesignated – 1, LOM/Independent – 1, Allen Creek area undesignated – 3, Mascall – 2, Ochoco Mt Trail – 2, Black Canyon/Owl Creek – 2, South Prong – 2

*Suggest: Make Giddy Up Go Horse only and add trail miles here. Designate endurance trail. Need official Trails at Allen Creek, Connection from Rock Creek to Boeing Field.

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Bikers: Potlid – 5, Scotty 5, Cougar – 3, Bandit Summer Trails – 4, Round Mt – 2, LOM/Independent – 2, Barnhouse/Keeton – 5, Ochoco Mt Trail – 4

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-Lisa Machnik provided input/info about the Deschutes Collaborative Trails Group exercise.

-The group ran through an abbreviated exercise to see the value of that process and decide if we should run through that process next.

- Lookout Mountain Trail System chosen as example.
  - o Attributes: What are the important features/attributes?
    - ▪ Views, Parking, Trailer parking, multiple ecosystems, proximity, historical, value, wildlife, wildflowers, challenging, quality of trail, rides well as non specific mtb trail, hunting, snowshoeing, fast downhill, easy shuttle, length, loop options, exercise, good for going uphill and getting horses settled, historic pack trail.

  - o Label: Lump attributes into categories.
    - ▪ Wildlife, flowers, ecosystems, views. (Nature, aesthetics)
    - ▪ Parking, trailers, loops, accessibility to town. (Infrastructure)

- Challenge, fast, exercise, quality, length. (Layout)

  o Choose 1 to work through: Infrastructure –
    Work backwards from Threats to>Contributing Factors> Solutions/Strategies.

Solutions/Strategies: <<<<<<<<	Contributing Factors: <<<<<<<<	Threats to:
Separate Use	Population Growth	Overcrowding on trail
???	Not many other options	Overcrowding at parking
		Type of use conflict

Next Agenda:

-Future vision elements on paper

-User group needs

-Assess common needs

-Start the Deschutes Collab process/exercise?

> -Lisa's described process is one step deeper that what we did with Halle's exercise. We may need to fully assess using Lisa's process or we might be good with just the first process.

*Jim to get Endurance Trail on map and summarize RTA process

*Get CRNG and Maury Map for future meetings

*Jim will bring computer next meeting for Interactive Map and Google Earth.

OTSG Consolidated Rapid Trail Assessment Data Summary

Kim McCarrel – Equestrian Perspective

Trail	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
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Round Mountain	Moderate	Moderate	
Line Butte Tie	High	High	
Independent Mine	Moderate	Moderate/Low	
Mother Load Mine	Moderate	Moderate/Low	
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Cole Loop	Moderate	Moderate	
Warner Loop	Moderate	Moderate	
Alder Springs	High	High	
Tam a Lau	Moderate	Low	

Extra Comments:

Lookout Mountain: Rocky, eroded, dangerous spot, rampant user conflict (trail is too steep and has blind spots to accommodate bikes and horses)
Round Mountain: Rampant user conflict (same comment as above)
Line Butte Tie: good lines of sight, no erosion
Independent Mine: User conflict
Baneberry: horses use it despite hiker only designation
Owl Creek: Low use, many down trees
South Prong: Low Use
Black Canyon: Low Use
Twin Pillars: Very bad creek crossing, many down trees, trail is impassible
Wildcat: Very steep sidehill, deferred maintenance
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Gray butte: West side is too steep of a sidehill to be safe for horses and bikers, user conflict developing
Tam a Lau: Segment on Peninsula is great but shooting is a huge problem
Giddy Up Go: Some sections on the fall line

Stan Shepardson – Equestrian Perspective

Trail	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Lookout Mountain	High	Low	Risk of bike encounters
Independent Mine	Moderate	Moderate	
Giddy Up Go	Low	Low	
Giddy Up Go Tie	High	Moderate	
Belknap	High	Moderate	
Cole Loop	Moderate	Moderate	

Buck Davis – Equestrian Perspective

Trail	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Ponderosa Loop	Moderate		
McGinnis Creek	Moderate	Low	Rated Low due to group conflicts
Lookout Mountain	Moderate	Low	"" ""
Round Mountain	Moderate	Low	"" ""
Independent Mine	Moderate	Low	"" ""
Mother Load Mine	Moderate	Low	"" ""
Black Canyon	High	High	
Coffee Pot	Moderate	High	
Kelsey	Moderate	High	
Payten	Moderate	High	
Mascall Corral	Moderate	Moderate	
Giddy Up Go	Low	High	
Giddy Up Go Tie	Moderate	High	
Twin Pillars	Moderate	Moderate	
Gray Butte	Moderate	Low	"" ""
Cole Loop	Moderate	Low	"" ""
Warner Loop	Moderate	Low	"" ""

Kit Dickey – Hiker Perspective – All trails hiked in 2016 & 2017, * indicates 2015

Trail	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Ponderosa Loop*	Low	Low	
McGinnis Creek*	Low	Low	
Lookout Mountain	Low	High	
Round Mountain	Low	High	
Line Butte	Low	Moderate	Heavy hunter use
Line Butte Tie	Low	Moderate	Heavy hunter use
Independent Mine	Low	High	
Mother Load Mine	Low	High	
Walton Lake	Low	High	
Baneberry	Moderate	Moderate	
Barnhouse	Low	Very Low	
Keeton	Very Low	Very Low	
Fry Springs Spur	Low	Moderate	
Black Canyon	Low	Moderate	
Owl Creek	Very Low	Moderate	
Coffee Pot	Low	Very Low	
Kelsey	Low	Very Low	
Payten	Low	Moderate	
South Prong	Moderate	Moderate	
Mascall Corral	Low	Low	
Ochoco Mt	Moderate	Low	Except near Spanish peak - hunters
Giddy Up Go	Moderate	Very Low	
Giddy Up Go Tie	Moderate	Very Low	
Twin Pillars	Low	High	
Twin Pillars Spur	Low	High	
Wildcat	Low	Very Low	hunters
Belknap	Low	Moderate	
Cougar Creek*	Low	Very Low	
Potlid	Low	Very Low	
Stein's Pillar	Moderate	High	
Scotty Creek	Moderate	High	
Hammer Creek	Very Low	Very Low	
Rimrock Springs	High	Moderate	
Gray Butte	Moderate	High	
Alder Springs	Moderate	High	
Old Bridge	Low	Moderate	
Tam a Lau	Moderate	High	

Bruce Williams – Hiker Perspective

Trail	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Ponderosa Loop	Low	Low	
McGinnis Creek	Low	Low	
Lookout Mountain	Moderate	High	
Round Mountain	Low	Moderate	
Line Butte	Moderate	Moderate	
Line Butte Tie	Low	Moderate	
Mother Load Mine	Moderate	High	
Barnhouse	Moderate	Moderate	
Keeton	Very Low	Very Low	
Fry Spring Spur	Moderate	Moderate	
Black Canyon	Moderate	High	
Giddy Up Go	Moderate	Moderate	
Green Mt	Low	Low	
Twin Pillars	Moderate	Moderate	
Wildcat	Moderate	Moderate	
Belknap	Moderate	Low	
Cougar	Moderate	Low	
Potlid	Low	Moderate	
Stein's Pillar	Moderate	Moderate	
Scotty Creek	Low	Low	
Hammer Creek	Very Low	Very Low	
Gray Butte	Moderate	Moderate	
Cole Loop	Moderate	Low	

Gary Asbridge – Hiker Perspective

Trail	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Lookout Mountain	Moderate	Moderate	
Independent Mine	Low	Moderate	
Mother Load Mine	Moderate	Moderate	
Owl Creek	Low	Low	
Mascall Corral	Low	Low	
Stein's Pillar	Moderate	Moderate	
Rimrock Springs	Moderate	Low	

Casey Kaiser – Hiker Perspective

Trail	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Lookout Mountain	Moderate	Moderate	
Round Mountain	High	High	
Line Butte	Moderate	High	
Line Butte Tie	Moderate	High	
Independent Mine	High	High	
Mother Load Mine	High	High	
Baneberry	High	High	

Casey Kaiser Cont.			
Black Canyon	High	High	
Owl Creek	Low	Moderate	
Coffee Pot	High	High	
South Prong	Moderate	Moderate	
Ochoco Mountain	Moderate	High	
Giddy Up Go	High	High	
Giddy Up Go Tie	High	High	
Green Mt	Moderate	Moderate	
Twin Pillars	Moderate	High	
Twin Pillars Spur	Moderate	High	
Wildcat	High	High	
Belknap	High	High	
Cougar	Moderate	High	
Stein's Pillar	High	High	
Scotty Creek	High	High	
Gray Butte	Low	Moderate	
Rimrock Springs	High	High	
Alder Springs	High	High	
Old Bridge	High	High	

Sean Callaghan – Primarily Bike Perspective, some hiking

Trail	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Lookout Mountain	Moderate	Moderate	
Round Mountain	Moderate	Moderate	
Line Butte	Moderate	Moderate	
Line Butte Tie	Moderate	Moderate	
Independent Mine	Moderate	Moderate	
Mother Load Mine	Moderate	Moderate	
Walton Lake	Moderate	Low	
Keeton	Very Low	Very Low	
Fry Springs	Very Low	Very Low	
South Prong	Moderate	Low	
Giddy Up Go	Low	Low	
Cougar	Moderate	Low	
Potlid	Moderate	Low	
Scotty	Very Low	Low	
Rimrock Springs	High	High	
Gray Butte	Moderate	Moderate	
Cole Loop	Moderate	Moderate	

OET Member 1

Trail	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Lookout Mountain	Moderate	Low	Bikes need to go one way
Round Mountain	Moderate	Moderate	
Line Butte	Moderate	Moderate	
Line Butte Tie	Moderate	Low	Too many bikes
Independent Mine	Moderate	Low	Too many bikes
Mother Lode Mine	Moderate	Low	Bikes need to go one way
Barnhouse	Low	Very Low	
Black Canyon	Moderate	Moderate	Beautiful but too far unless cleared
Mascall Corral	Moderate	Very Low	
Giddy Up Go	High	Moderate	
Giddy Up Go Tie	High	Moderate	
Twin Pillars	Low	Moderate	Upper section needs clearing
Twin Pillars Spur	Low	Moderate	"" ""
Wildcat	Moderate	Low	
Belknap	Low	Low	
Cougar Creek	Low	Low	
Potlid	Low	Low	Needs to be cleared
Scotty Creek	Low	Low	
Gray Butte	High	Moderate	
Cole Loop	High	Moderate	
Warner Loop	High	Moderate	

OET Member 2

Trail	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Lookout Mountain	Moderate	Moderate	Trail too rocky and Bike conflagration
Round Mountain	High	Moderate	Conflict with bikes
Line Butte	Moderate	Moderate	Bikes are a problem
Line Butte Tie	Moderate	Moderate	Bikes are a prolbem
Independent Mine	Moderate	Moderate	Easy Trail and good signage/bike useage ^
Barnhouse	Very Low	Moderate	
Black Canyon	Moderate	Moderate	Beautiful but too far unless cleared
Giddy Up Go	High	Moderate	Needs maintenance
Giddy Up Go Tie	High	Moderate	Needs maintenance
Twin Pillars	Low	Moderate	Upper section needs clearing, bad creek crossing
Wildcat	Low	Low	
Cougar Creek	Low	Low	Steep dropoffs
Potlid	Low	Low	Needs to be cleared
Scotty Creek	Low	Low	Needs maintenance
Gray Butte	High	High	
Cole Loop	High	High	

Trail	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Warner Loop	High	High	
Tam a Lau	High	High	

OET Member 3

Trail	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Lookout Mountain	Low	Low	Getting rocky and eroded, bikes create hazards
Round Mountain	Moderate	Moderate	Bikes create hazards
Line Butte Tie	Moderate	Moderate	Bikes create hazards
Independent Mine	Moderate	Low	Too many bikes
Mother Lode Mine	Moderate	Moderate	Too many bikes
Barnhouse	Low	Low	Not maintained last time I rode it
Black Canyon	Moderate	Moderate	Beautiful but too far unless cleared
South Prong	Low	Low	Not cleared last time I rode it
Giddy Up Go	High	High	Great job restoring this trail
Giddy Up Go Tie	High	High	
Twin Pillars	Low	Moderate	Upper section needs clearing, nasty water crossing
Twin Pillars Spur	Low	Moderate	"" ""
Wildcat	Low	Low	Steep drop-offs second half
Cougar Creek	Low	Low	Steep drop offs
Gray Butte	Moderate	Moderate	Bike useage, getting rocky
Cole Loop	Moderate	Moderate	"" ""
Warner Loop	High	High	
Tam a lau	High	High	Shooters are a problem- we have to ride a long way on dirt road to get to it.

OET Member 4

Trail	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Lookout Mountain	Low	Low	Getting rocky, bikes create hazard
Round Mountain	Moderate	Moderate	
Line Butte Tie	Moderate	Low	Bikes create hazard
Independent Mine	Moderate	Moderate	Some trail maintenance at those block things
Mother Lode Mine	Moderate	Moderate	
Barnhouse	Very Low	Very Low	
Black Canyon	Moderate	Moderate	Needs some trail maintenance
South Prong	Moderate	Low	Needs maintenance
Giddy Up Go	Moderate	Moderate	Giddy Up mileage weird, outside loop is about 12 miles

Giddy Up Go Tie	Moderate	Moderate	
Twin Pillars	Low	Low	First 3 miles nice, upper third terrible, washout, logs down, manzanita brush bad
Twin Pillars Spur	Moderate	Moderate	
Wildcat	Moderate	Very Low	Part bad shape, burn through
Cougar Creek	Very Low	Very Low	Not maintained, steep steep
Potlid	Very Low	Very Low	Impassible
Gray Butte	Moderate	Moderate	
Cole Loop	Moderate	Moderate	
Warner Loop	High	High	

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group Notes - January 9, 2017

<u>Attendance</u>: James Good/Sean Callaghan/Sarah Carver (COTA), Bruce Williams (Hiker), Buck Davis, Mary Beyer (Equestrian/Ranch/Land Owner) Stan Shepardson (BCH), Kim McCarrel (OET), Kit Dickey (Hiker, Hunters, and Trail Volunteer), Scott Aycock (COIC), Casey Kaiser (Chamber), Jim Beaupre/Lisa Macnick/Brye Lefler (USFS)

Introductions

- Scott Aycock introduced himself to the group. He committed to facilitating the group for theremainder of COIC's commitment, as facilitator Hallie Adams is no longer with COIC. COIC is currently advertising Hallie's position and hopes to hire behind her in the near future.
- To ensure that the group is on the same page, Scott requested that the group start the meeting with a recap. To date the group has:
- Decided to create a comprehensive tail vision
- Create a comprehensive trail map of Ochoco NF with propose new trails, changes to trails, linkages, etc.
- This goal was agreed upon by all members, except one (consensus minus one)
  - o Kim: This process will help determine low-hanging fruit.
- A situational analysis was discussed but has not been performed to date.
- In follow up to requests from the last meeting, Jim:
  - o Brought a computer to be able to interactively use Google Earth with the group
  - o Had GIS staff enter the endurance trail onto a map. The endurance race is conducted under a special use permit and is not a designated trail, so it is ineligible for funding).
    - ▪ Jim will share a digital version of the map with the group
- The group performed a rapid trail assessment (RTA) (Attachment B; D)
  - o The exercise was helpful but not conclusive

<u>Other Comments</u>:

- Stan: We need to not only focus on the 30k feet view, but go to 20k feet (small projects) that we could resolve
- Kim: The group should focus on low-hanging fruit.

Proposed Work Plan (Attachment A: Ochoco Trials Strategy Group Work Plan – Draft)

- Discussion of when to have a community meeting with the larger public:
  - o Kim: We can't develop a comprehensive trail plan without having at least one community meeting
  - o Scott: We could approach this two ways; either do it at an early stage, or second to last stage after you've gone through your process of figuring out where you'd like the trails
  - o Kim: If you do it early, you have an opportunity to say "we hear you saying that…." Then we can show them later how we used the comment.
  - o James: Doesn't disagree, but thinks you'd just get dots on same trails; there are only a certain amount of trails.

- o Casey: Agrees to bring in the public later. Shared an example of a swimming pool - they got really broad feedback. If too broad, it's hard to draw conclusions.
- o Kit: Do it later once there's a draft plan and there's feedback from specialists so that you can respond and educate the public immediately, for instance that we can't do something because of archaeology/rare plants, etc.
- o Stan: We need to bring in the environmental community early.
  - ▪ Scott: IDT involvement is built in to number 4.
- o Casey: This group is a subset of the public. It was brought together to capture the use group perspectives. This group can then go to the larger public and say "here's a draft plan for sustainable tails from the perspective of user groups", what do you think?
- o Kim: We should present it as we've come up with some ideas, rather than a plan, making sure the public feels that they can still effect the plan.
- o Casey – the word "plan" has a certain connotation.
- o Jim suggests wording of: "community proposal" and/or "draft".
- o The group would create the proposal and then the FS would turn it into a plan
- o Community meeting would come after step 4 in May, 2018.

Synthesize and Prioritize Existing Conditions and Challenges

- • Discussion of "Group identification of current challenges" (Attachment. B; A)
- • Discussion of table from mapping activity (Attachment. B; B)
  - o Dots were placed on a map and ranked
  - o Metadata is needed so the table makes sense
  - o The approach that was used was: "If I were there alone, this is how I would rate it", ignoring any possible user conflict
  - o James: Cyclists can't go in wilderness. There are only 3 usable/rideable trails when you ride single track.
  - o Stan: It would be great to know the actual use level.
  - o Jim: The FS only has anecdotal information about use and is relative to the Ochoco (high, low use); it can't be compared to other forests.
  - o James – what do the numbers mean? Can we define what 1-5 means?
    - ▪ Kim – A rating of 1 is desirable.
    - ▪ James – Lookout Mountain (LM) should have been 1 then for mountain bikers, but it could be better if it was a loop, so we rated it as a 2.
    - ▪ Kim – It would also be a 2 for equestrians by that rating system then – we love to ride it but there are too many bikes, so it could be better.
    - ▪ Stan: Could we rank it based on potential then?
    - ▪ Scott: And use a notes column to explain.
  - o Scott: It would be great to connect all of these exercises into one table/spreadsheet in one place.
  - o Sarah: The point is that it is all opinion and different users won't see eye to eye; desirability won't be the same.
  - o Casey: When I look at the table, user conflict on LM Trail is not surprising, when it is one of 2 trails that works for bikes. So it seems like the solution is to make more bike trails.

- James: Maybe LM Trail is the "holy grail" where we have to figure out how to get along or separate.
- Where are other places where the group has looked at lessons learned from other groups?
  - Jim: Prescott AZ examples
  - Mary: Mollallo River Trail example
  - Stan: Maston area figured it out
    - Jim: Parallel trails work great in juniper shrublands, but not in very challenging to create new trails in heavy timber and creates more logout and maintenance requirements, we are already challenged to logout and maintain the current LOM trails. Consider crux point separation where conflict and consequences are high and maintain combined use where site lines and topography allow.
- Kim: A takeaway is that if equestrian's want to reduce conflicts, they need to fight for more bike trails, and also identify trails for only equestrians.
- Casey: The pie in the sky utopian view is for a user to have exactly their experience, everything else is a compromise. That's okay to know and voice. People tend to get defensive but should be okay to voice your ideal user experience.
- Possible outcome:
  - Specific areas for each use group and then shared areas
- Buck: At state meetings for Back Country Horsemen, the group is totally supportive of

  more bike trails; the concern is the safety component.

- **Discussion of Blind Survey of User Groups (Attachment B; C)**

  - <u>What were the outcomes</u>?
    - Jim: Seeing that equestrians have little interest in Potlid, Cougar Creek and Scotty Creek and since COTA has received $195K in grants to reestablish and reroute these three trails it would be ideal to change the Trail Management Objective's to be managed and designed primarily for bicycle use with equestrians and pedestrians as other allowable uses. Hearing the user groups here agree, we have the social license to make that administrative change. Currently the Ochoco has no trails designed and managed for bike use.
      - Everyone agrees.
      - James: Would love to push people who come to his bike shop to other places than LM.
      - Jim: Needs to report to Rangers that there's agreement.
      - Jim: Without new NEPA, we only have a 10 foot corridor from the GIS line that we can use for reworking trails.
      - The next program of work meeting is on 2/6/18. Jim will try to get Ranger buy-in to sign-off on new NEPA at Cougar Creek, Scotty and Potlid. He plans to discuss money secured by COTA and NEPA needs, and could try to have specialists work Feb/March so that trail work

could happen spring/summer 2018. NEPA would open up the corridor to have more flexibility to play around with the trail tread. No scoping is required for changing trail management objectives, but the decision maker decided to reach out to include user groups.

- Kim: to make sure everyone understands –the proposal was written as a multi-user trail
- Sean: The plan is to keep it as a multi-use trail but to design it for bike use.
- **Decision – The group agrees by consensus that Cougar, Scotty and Potlid should be changed to be designed and manged for bikes, but will remain open to other uses.**
- Scott – it would be good to get regular updates to group about the developments on the FS side of the project.
  - Kim: It is not fair that there are more equestrians in the room than bikers. We need more ground rules down the road for how to vote.
  - Scott: To be decided later. Perhaps one group one vote?
  - **Decision - The group tentatively decided to take a field trip this summer. James offered the Good Bike van if needed.**

Discussion of Rapid Trail Assessment Table (RTA) (Attachment B; D)

- Kim: The group has learned a lot since this exercise was completed in spring 2017. I would be more useful to go around the room again and discuss.
- Conclusions from the RTA
  - Casey: It would be difficult to draw conclusions based on the format, but is a good reference for the future.
  - Scott: It might lend itself to a mega table that links the various information together in one place.
  - Casey: We haven't taken the time for each user group to list five top desired features. If we did that we could ask a question such as: Does this trail provide at least 2 of the 5 features that the equestrians desire?
  - Sean: There are cross-country and downhill cyclists who want different things. Two lists might be needed.
- Prioritize the "biggest lacks" from all user groups/what do you want?
  - Stan: Suggests to break down trail into regions/groups to facilitate talking about so many trails and making sense of where they are.
  - Casey: Decision making over where to focus; if I knew a loop was something we needed for mountain bikers, we could say – where can we put in a loop?
  - Stan: Length of outing and distance from town are other criteria.

Discussion of Attributes (Group Identification of Current Challenges) (Attachment B; A)

- This list is where to start with discussing attributes, but some aren't attributes
- Things to add:
  - Proximity to Prineville
  - Trailhead parking (big for horses)

- o Comfort stations
- o Different objectives for different users – something for everybody
  - Ex. Do we have "2 mile waterfall hikes for families"?
    - Steins Pillar
    - Lower section of Twin Pillars
- o Speed of Travel is another topic
- o Expectation Management – users should go to LM knowing that they're going to meet other users.
- Kim: we should make sure that we're building in opportunities for everyone. Not every user group is in the room (every group that wants a trail in the Ochoco).
- Scott: Some of this work is about improving trails or changing use. Also, the trail system doesn't offer everything we need, we need new trails.
- Should there be a sub-committee meeting that works on developing a LM trail plan? Hard to accomplish everything in a 2 hour once a month meeting.
  - o We still have agreement to do overall trail network plan.
  - o LM keeps coming up.
  - o Kit: by working on one trail we might help alleviate other issues
  - o Casey: His concern – ex. We build a parallel trail on LM, at that point all the bikers leave and ride another trail, so we wouldn't have to do that in the first place – we need to think about all of this in community development projects. But, maybe the consensus is that user conflict has reached such a point that we need to address it. Supports Scott's idea about a subcommittee to work on LM. Doesn't know what FS says about whether or not they'd be able to or would use information from a subcommittee. WHAT DOES THE FS SAY?
  - o Sarah: Concern about breaking off groups and getting segmented.
  - o Buck: LM will always be a key recreation location because of proximity to town.
  - o Kim: Would rather not focus on LM initially. Thinks that solutions will fall out of larger planning process. The group has already grown together in last 6 months.
  - o Bruce: Thinks use will shift to the Trout Creek area after trails are completed this summer
  - o Could set aside time each meeting to discuss implications of each step in planning on LM.
  - o Scott: The main goal is to create comprehensive plan.
  - o Sarah: We don't need to reinvent the wheel. We should look at what other groups have done.
  - o Casey: Part of the proposal could include a line on the map for LM.

Build Next Meeting Agenda

- Next Meeting
  - o Attempt to tease out from each conversation – what are big hopes, desires from different user groups, barriers and issues, as starter list.
  - o Talk about different action items (e.g. loops).
  - o Look at what other groups have done. There are solutions elsewhere.

- o Another "what if?" mapping exercise to play with these concepts (joint user groups, horse only, bike only, etc.).
- Sync all of information in an excel sheet, with a column for trails, desireability rating, trail needs, etc. We could finish it in an hour for every trail on Ochoco NF.
- Scott, Caseyand Jim will have a call.
- Adjourn.

Other Topics

Jim introduced and passed around the internal FS briefing paper developed by Brye for Stacey Forson, the incoming Forest Supervisor, Shane Jeffries, and the Regional Recreation staff. The group had no issues with the language provided.

Decision Points

1. A community meeting will be held in May 2018.
2. The group agrees by consensus that Cougar, Scotty's and Potlid should be changed to primary use by bikes, but will remain open to other uses
3. The group tentatively decided to take a field trip this summer. James offered the Good Bike van if needed.
4. Lookout Mountain Subcommittee proposal is unresolved.
5. Next meeting, February 6, 2018. (First Tuesday)

I just realized that the meeting is not next week - but the following. I've been a little over-eager and will take advantage of the time to go over everything more carefully. I will distribute everything on Tuesday, a week ahead of the meeting.

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On Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 4:13 PM, Scott Aycock <scotta@coic.org> wrote:
Hello all,

Casey - that "small group by use type" model is exactly what I was planning.

I'm not sure if we need to spend time on the next agenda deeply exploring the idea of an LM subcommittee, with the exception of mentioning it in the review of the notes from the last meeting. I think it's been given a lot of time at the meetings and we made it clear that the group could do this on their own if they want to. My take.

Stay tuned - stuff coming out in 15 minutes.

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On Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 9:57 AM, Casey Kaiser <casey@prinevillechamber.com> wrote:

Happy Friday!

Perhaps a way to approach the trail attributes exercise would be to break everyone out into separate user groups. The hikers in one group, the equestrians in another group, and the single-track cyclists in another group. Then we could task each group with coming up with a list of the top 10 key attributes that represent that user group's desired qualities in a trail. Attributes could be defined for the purpose of the exercise as physical characteristics and features of the trail (and its immediate environment?) that would be high value to the majority of individuals in that user group.

I agree with Gary's assessment on the Lookout Mountain Trail situation. I think it would be difficult, if not counterproductive to start work in this group or a sub committee of this group on LM specifically. I believe a strong possibility exists for some of the current demand and conflicts on Lookout Mountain to be solved through the development or promotion of other trails in the whole network.

Having said that, I recognize there is nothing to prevent anyone from starting a group to discuss or look at any project they may want. I just don't believe it would a good use of the resources of the chamber to be spent on efforts to look specifically at one trail in the system.

Cheers,

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I think the agenda looks fine except I propose adding an item to discuss the LM subgroup (see below).

Regarding the subgroup: I have several thoughts regarding this so will try and summarize here. In a nutshell the trails strategy group is not led by the FS so I don't feel it's my decision (or a FS decision) whether to establish or approve a subgroup. I actually believe that subgroups can be very effective and efficient and at some point I believe we will develop subgroups or committees to tackle specific issues. **That being said I do not believe the time is right to pursue this particular subgroup process. I still believe the process leading to the development of a sustainable trails network as identified by the users is better served at this point by focusing on the big picture and developing a proposed network of trails that meets the need.** Yes, LM keeps coming up. We are all well aware of the issues and conflicts. I do not disagree that focused attention may be needed on this trail system to arrive at a preferred alternative but I would like that attention to come within the context of a larger, agreed to, system. I'll be honest, I feel the push for this focus on LM right now is coming from two individuals who already have their minds made up regarding the path forward (parallel trails). In the end that may be the best path forward but I am not convinced of that. **I proposed we discuss this further as a group to determine the path forward at this time. Again, I do not want to direct the group but I am more than happy to present my thoughts and rationale as to why we should not pursue at the moment.**

I'm honestly not sure how best to tackle the trail attribute exercise. I think having a map(s) and a table where all info can be recorded/summarized makes sense. Perhaps limiting attributes to a certain set list makes sense so that we don't get all kinds of things thrown up there (from rolling dips to smelling the flowers). Not sure how to to pare that down. Sorry I'm not more help here.

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Hello all,

I'd like to send out the agenda and materials by this Friday, so....

- Let me know what you think about the draft agenda (attached again)

- We still need to clarify that part in the notes that Jim was hoping to hear back from Gary (see attached - yellow highlight on p. 5)

- What do you think are the best resources to use to do the "Desired Trail Attributes" agenda item, specifically the part about evaluating each trail against the desired attributes? I was thinking trail maps and perhaps the attached, with additional columns to capture notes on how the trails meet or do not have their "desired trail attributes. Do you want to use any of your other previous work assessing trails - particularly that huge table from the Rapid Trail Assessment?

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On Fri, Jan 19, 2018 at 3:34 PM, Scott Aycock <scotta@coic.org> wrote:

Guys, attached is a draft agenda for 2/6/18 based on our conversation earlier this week.

Have a great weekend!

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On Tue, Jan 16, 2018 at 3:28 PM, Beaupre, James - FS <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us> wrote:

I'm good with all track changes. For the highlighted question to USFS, I'll defer to Gary on how to capture that thought/answer.

Gary, see notes attached and the question to FS:

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Guys, notes attached with some slight changes in track changes. Let me know if you have an issue with any of them.

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Notes attached.

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Ochoco Trails Strategy Group Notes - January 9, 2017

<u>Attendance</u>: James Good (Good Bike Shop), Sean Callaghan/Sarah Carver (COTA), Bruce Williams (Hiker), Buck Davis, Mary Beyer (Equestrian/Ranch/Land Owner) Stan Shepardson (BCH), Kim McCarrel (OET), Kit Dickey (Hiker, Hunters, and Trail Volunteer), Scott Aycock (COIC), Casey Kaiser (Chamber), Jim Beaupre/Lisa Machnik/Brye Lefler (USFS)

Introductions

- Scott Aycock introduced himself to the group. He committed to facilitating the group for the remainder of COIC's commitment, as facilitator Hallie Adams is no longer with COIC.
- To ensure that the group is on the same page, Scott requested that the group start the meeting with a recap. To date the group has:
    - Decided to create a comprehensive trail vision - create a comprehensive trail map of Ochoco NF with proposed new trails, changes to trails, linkages, etc.
- This goal was agreed upon by all members, except one (consensus minus one)
    - Kim: This process will help determine low-hanging fruit.
- A situational analysis was discussed but has not been performed to date.
- In follow up to requests from the last meeting, Jim:
    - Brought a computer to be able to interactively use Google Earth with the group
    - Had GIS staff enter the endurance trail onto a map. (The endurance race is conducted under a special use permit and is not a designated trail, so it is ineligible for funding).
        - Jim will share a digital version of the map with the group
- The group performed a rapid trail assessment (RTA) (Attachment B; D)
    - The exercise was helpful but not conclusive

<u>Other Comments:</u>

- Stan: We need to not only focus on the 30k feet view, but go to 20k feet (small projects) that we could resolve
- Kim: The group should focus on low-hanging fruit.

Proposed Work Plan (Attachment A: Ochoco Trials Strategy Group Work Plan – Draft)

- Discussion of when to have a community meeting with the larger public:
    - Kim: We can't develop a comprehensive trail plan without having at least one community meeting
    - Scott: We could approach this two ways; either do it at an early stage, or second to last stage after you've gone through your process of figuring out where you'd like the trails
    - Kim: If you do it early, you have an opportunity to say "we hear you saying that…." Then we can show them later how we used the comment.
    - James: Doesn't disagree, but thinks you'd just get dots on same trails; there are only a certain amount of trails.
    - Casey: Agrees to bring in the public later. Shared an example of a swimming pool - they got really broad feedback. If too broad, it's hard to draw conclusions.

- o Kit: Do it later once there's a draft plan and there's feedback from specialists so that you can respond and educate the public immediately, for instance that we can't do something because of archaeology/rare plants, etc.
- o Stan: We need to bring in the environmental community early.
  - ▪ Scott: IDT involvement is built in to number 4.
- o Casey: This group is a subset of the public. It was brought together to capture the use group perspectives. This group can then go to the larger public and say "here's a draft plan for sustainable tails from the perspective of user groups", what do you think?
- o Kim: We should present it as we've come up with some ideas, rather than a plan, making sure the public feels that they can still effect the plan.
- o Casey – the word "plan" has a certain connotation.
- o Jim suggests wording of: "community proposal" and/or "draft".
- o The group would create the proposal and then the FS would turn it into a plan
- o Community meeting would come after step 4 in May, 2018.
  - ▪ Action: Scott to update Work Plan.

Synthesize and Prioritize Existing Conditions and Challenges

- • Discussion of "Group identification of current challenges" (Attachment. B; A)
- • Discussion of table from mapping activity (Attachment. B; B)
  - o Dots were placed on a map and ranked
  - o Metadata is needed so the table makes sense
  - o The approach that was used was: "If I were there alone, this is how I would rate it", ignoring any possible user conflict
  - o James: Cyclists can't go in wilderness. There are only 3 usable/rideable trails when you ride single track.
  - o Stan: It would be great to know the actual use level.
  - o Jim: The FS only has anecdotal information about use and is relative within the Ochoco (high, low use); it can't be compared to other forests.
  - o James – what do the numbers mean? Can we define what 1-5 means?
    - ▪ Kim – A rating of 1 is desirable.
    - ▪ James – Lookout Mountain (LM) should have been 1 then for mountain bikers, but it could be better if it was a loop, so we rated it as a 2.
    - ▪ Kim – It would also be a 2 for equestrians by that rating system then – we love to ride it but there are too many bikes, so it could be better.
    - ▪ Stan: Could we rank it based on potential then?
    - ▪ Scott: And use a notes column to explain.
  - o Scott: It would be great to connect all of these exercises into one table/spreadsheet in one place.
  - o Sarah: The point is that it is all opinion and different users won't see eye to eye; desirability won't be the same.
  - o Casey: When I look at the table, user conflict on LM Trail is not surprising, when it is one of 2 trails that works for bikes. So it seems like the solution is to make more bike trails.
  - o James: Maybe LM Trail is the "holy grail" where we have to figure out how to get along or separate.

- o Where are other places where the group has looked at lessons learned from other groups?
  - ▪ Jim: Prescott AZ examples
  - ▪ Mary: Mollalla River Trail example
  - ▪ Stan: Maston area figured it out
    - • Jim: Parallel trails work great in juniper shrublands, but very challenging to create new trails in heavy timber and creates more logout and maintenance requirements, we are already challenged to logout and maintain the current LOM trails. Consider crux point separation where conflict and consequences are high and maintain combined use where site lines and topography allow.
- o Kim: A takeaway is that if equestrians want to reduce conflicts, they need to fight for more bike trails, and also identify trails for only equestrians.
- o Casey: The pie in the sky utopian view is for a user to have exactly their experience, everything else is a compromise. That's okay to know and voice. People tend to get defensive but should be okay to voice your ideal user experience.
- o Possible outcome:
  - ▪ Specific areas for each use group and then shared areas
- o Buck: At state meetings for Back Country Horsemen, the group is totally supportive of more bike trails; the concern is the safety component.

- • **Discussion of Blind Survey of User Groups (Attachment B; C)**

  - o <u>What were the outcomes</u>?
    - ▪ Jim: Seeing that equestrians have little interest in Potlid, Cougar Creek and Scotty Creek and since COTA has received $195K in grants to reestablish and reroute these three trails it would be ideal to change the Trail Management Objectives to be managed and designed primarily for bicycle use with equestrians and pedestrians as other allowable uses. Hearing the user groups here agree, we have the social license to make that administrative change. Currently the Ochoco has no trails designed and managed for bike use.
      - • Everyone agrees.
      - • James: Would love to push people who come to his bike shop to other places than LM.
      - • Jim: Needs to report to Rangers that there's agreement.
      - • Jim: Without new NEPA, we only have a 10 foot corridor from the GIS line that we can use for reworking trails.
      - • The next program of work meeting is on 2/6/18. Jim will try to get Ranger buy-in to sign-off on new NEPA at Cougar Creek, Scotty and Potlid. He plans to discuss money secured by COTA and NEPA needs, and could try to have specialists work Feb/March so that trail work could happen spring/summer 2018. NEPA would open up the corridor to have more flexibility to play around with the trail tread. No scoping is

required for changing trail management objectives, but the decision maker decided to reach out to include user groups.

- Kim: to make sure everyone understands –the proposal was written as a multi-user trail
- Sean: The plan is to keep it as a multi-use trail but to design it for bike use.
- **Decision – The group agrees by consensus that Cougar, Scotty and Potlid should be changed to be designed and managed for bikes, but will remain open to other uses.**
- Scott – it would be good to get regular updates to group about the developments on the FS side of the project.
  - Kim: It is not fair that there are more equestrians in the room than bikers. We need more ground rules down the road for how to vote.
  - Scott: To be decided later. Perhaps one group one vote?
  - **Decision - The group tentatively decided to take a field trip this summer. James offered the Good Bike van if needed.**

Discussion of Rapid Trail Assessment Table (RTA) (Attachment B; D)

- Kim: The group has learned a lot since this exercise was completed in spring 2017. It would be more useful to go around the room again and discuss.
- Conclusions from the RTA
  - Casey: It would be difficult to draw conclusions based on the format, but is a good reference for the future.
  - Scott: It might lend itself to a mega table that links the various information together in one place.
  - Casey: We haven't taken the time for each user group to list five top desired features. If we did that we could ask a question such as: Does this trail provide at least 2 of the 5 features that the equestrians desire?
  - Sean: There are cross-country and downhill cyclists who want different things. Two lists might be needed.
- Prioritize the "biggest lacks" from all user groups/what do you want?
  - Stan: Suggests to break down trail into regions/groups to facilitate talking about so many trails and making sense of where they are.
  - Casey: Decision making over where to focus; if I knew a loop was something we needed for mountain bikers, we could say – where can we put in a loop?
  - Stan: Length of outing and distance from town are other criteria.

Discussion of Attributes (Group Identification of Current Challenges) (Attachment B; A)

- This list is where to start with discussing attributes, but some aren't attributes
- Things to add:
  - Proximity to Prineville
  - Trailhead parking (big for horses)
  - Comfort stations
  - Different objectives for different users – something for everybody

- Ex. Do we have "2 mile waterfall hikes for families"?
    - Steins Pillar
    - Lower section of Twin Pillars
  - Speed of Travel is another topic
  - Expectation Management – users should go to LM knowing that they're going to meet other users.
- Kim: we should make sure that we're building in opportunities for everyone. Not every user group is in the room (every group that wants a trail in the Ochoco).
- Scott: Some of this work is about improving trails or changing use. Also, the trail system doesn't offer everything we need, we need new trails.
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Build Next Meeting Agenda

- Next Meeting
  - Attempt to tease out from each conversation – what are big hopes, desires from different user groups, barriers and issues, as starter list.
  - Talk about different action items (e.g. loops).
  - Look at what other groups have done. There are solutions elsewhere.
    - Another "what if?" mapping exercise to play with these concepts (joint user groups, horse only, bike only, etc.).
- Sync all of information in an excel sheet, with a column for trails, desirability rating, trail needs, etc. We could finish it in an hour for every trail on Ochoco NF.

- Scott, Casey and Jim will have a call.
- Adjourn.

Other Topics

Jim introduced and passed around the internal FS briefing paper developed by Brye for Stacey Forson, the incoming Forest Supervisor, Shane Jeffries, and the Regional Recreation staff. The group had no issues with the language provided.

Decision Points

1. A community meeting will be held in May 2018.
2. The group agrees by consensus that Cougar, Scotty's and Potlid should be changed to primary use by bikes, but will remain open to other uses
3. The group tentatively decided to take a field trip this summer. James offered the Good Bike van if needed.
4. Lookout Mountain Subcommittee proposal is unresolved.
5. Next meeting, February 6, 2018. (First Tuesday)

A) Trail Attribute Activity

Trail	Biker Rank	Biker Attributes Notes	Hiker Rank	Hiker Attributes Notes	Eques. Rank	Equestrian Attributes Notes
Allen Creek Area (undesignated)					3	
Bandit Springs Area (snow)			1			
Bandit Springs Area (summer)	4		3			
Barnhouse	5					
Belknap			1		1	
Black Canyon					2	
Cougar	3		3			
Endurance Trail (undesignated)					1	
Giddy Up Go			1		1	
Independent Mine	2		1		1	
Keeton	5		3			
Line Butte			1	(hunter access)		
Lookout Mountain	2		1		1	
Mascall Corral					2	
Ochoco Mountain	4		1		2	
Owl Creek					2	
Potlid	5		2/1			
Round Mountain	2		1		1	
Scotty Creek	5					
South Prong					2	
Stein's Pillar			1			
Twin Pillars (top half)			2/1		2	
Twin Pillars (bottom half)			1		1	
Walton Lake			1			

Trail	Biker Rank	Biker Attributes Notes	Hiker Rank	Hiker Attributes Notes	Eques. Rank	Equestrian Attributes Notes
Walton Lake Area (snow)			1			
Wildcat			3		1	

1 – Meets user needs very well

2 – Somewhat meets user needs

3 – Neutral

4 – Somewhat does not meet user needs

5 – Does not meet user needs at all

Suggestions – for Reference Purposes

Biker

- Connection from Green Mountain TH to S. Potlid TH
- Connection from N Potlid to N Scotty TH
- Connection from S Potlid to S Scotty
- Connection from S Scotty to Bandit / E Cougar / 126
- Connection from Lookout Mountain TH / Ranger Station to Round Mountain TH
- Connection from Lookout Mountain to Independent Mine off of road.

Equestrian

- Giddy Up Go should be horse only & add trail miles
- Designate Endurance Trail
- Add official trails at Allen Creek
- Connection from Rock Creek to Boeing Field

Hiker

- Connection from Giddy Up Go to S Green Mountain
- Connection from Giddy Up Go to Twin Pillars
- Connection from Twin Pillars to Whistler
- Connection from Rock Creek to Boeing Field
- Connection from Owl Creek to S Prong

B) Blind Survey of User Groups – For Reference Purposes

Needs metadata

Question	Respondent 1	Respondent 2	Respondent 3	Respondent 4	Respondent 5
What trails do you use and highly enjoy?	Skull Hollow / Gray Butte	Lookout Mountain	Lookout Mountain	Lookout Mountain	Lookout Mountain – Ranger Station to Top
	Ochoco Endurance	Round Mountain	Round Mountain	Mill Creek Wilderness	Lookout Mountain Loop
	Independent Mine	Giddy Up Go	Cougar Creek	Walton Lake	Gray Butte Loop
	Lookout Mountain	Black Canyon	Scotty Creek	Rock Creek / Spanish Peak	Black Canyon Wilderness
	Round Mountain	Mt Pisgah	Potlid	Round Mountain	Mill Creek Wilderness
	Twin Pillars	Cyrus Horse Camp Trails	Bandit Springs	Giddy Up Go	
	Black Canyon		Gray Butte	Gray Butte	
			Cole Loop	Rimrock Springs	
				Alder Springs	
				Tam-A-Lau	
What trails do you know about and want to use but haven't yet?			Spanish Peak		
			Barnhouse		
			Keeton		
What trails do you know about but will never use?	Cougar Creek			Cougar Creek	

C) Rapid Trail Assessment – For Reference Purposes

Needs metadata

Trail	Respondent	Perspective	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Alder Springs	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	High	High	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
Baneberry	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	High	Moderate	horses use it despite hiker only designation
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
Barnhouse	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Very Low	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Low	Very Low	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Very Low	Moderate	
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Not maintained last time I rode it
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Very Low	Very Low	
Belknap	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	Stan Shepardson	Equestrian	High	Moderate	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Low	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Low	Low	
Black Canyon	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Low Use
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	High	High	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Beautiful but too far unless cleared
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Beautiful but too far unless cleared
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Beautiful but too far unless cleared
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Needs some trail maintenance

Trail	Respondent	Perspective	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Coffee Pot	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	High	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Very Low	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
Cole Loop	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	User conflict developing
	Stan Shepardson	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Low	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	High	High	
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Bike useage, getting rocky
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
Cougar	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Low	Low	deferred maintenance last time I rode it
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Low	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Low	
Cougar Creek	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Very Low	Hiked in 2015
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Low	Low	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Steep drop offs
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Steep drop offs
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Very Low	Very Low	Not maintained, steep steep
Fry Springs Spur	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Very Low	Very Low	
Giddy Up Go	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Some sections on the fall line
	Stan Shepardson	Equestrian	Low	Low	
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Low	High	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	Very Low	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Low	Low	

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	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	Needs maintenance
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	High	High	Great job restoring this trail
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Giddy Up mileage weird, outside loop is about 12 miles
Giddy Up Go Tie	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	Stan Shepardson	Equestrian	High	Moderate	
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	High	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	Very Low	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	Needs maintenance
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	High	High	
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
Gray Butte	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	High/Low	High east side, Low west side. West side is too steep of a sidehill to be safe for horses and bikers, user conflict developing
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	High	High	
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Bike useage, getting rocky
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
Green Mt	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Low	Low	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
Hammer Creek	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Very Low	Very Low	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Very Low	Very Low	
Independent	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate/Low	User conflict

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Mine	Stan Shepardson	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	High	
	Gary Asbridge	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Too many bikes
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Easy Trail and good signage/bike useage
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Too many bikes
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Some trail maintenance at those block things
Keeton	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Very Low	Very Low	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Very Low	Very Low	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Very Low	Very Low	
Kelsey	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	High	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Very Low	
Line Butte	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Moderate	Heavy hunter use
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Bikes are a problem
Line Butte Tie	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	High	High	good lines of sight, no erosion
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Moderate	Heavy hunter use
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Too many bikes
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Bikes are a prolbem
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Bikes create hazards
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Bikes create hazard

Trail	Respondent	Perspective	Resource Protection	Visitor Satisfaction	Comments
Lookout Mountain	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Low	Low	Rocky, bad spots. User conflict. Rocky, eroded, dangerous spot, rampant user conflict (trail is too steep and has blind spots to accommodate bikes and horses)
	Stan Shepardson	Equestrian	High	Low	Risk of bike encounters
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	High	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Gary Asbridge	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Bikes need to go one way
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Trail too rocky and Bike conflagration
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Getting rocky and eroded, bikes create hazards
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Getting rocky, bikes create hazard
Mascall Corral	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Low	
	Gary Asbridge	Hiker	Low	Low	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Very Low	
McGinnis Creek	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Low	Hiked in 2015
Mother Load Mine	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate/Low	
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	High	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Gary Asbridge	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Bikes need to go one way
Ochoco Mountain	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	Low	Except near Spanish Peak - hunters
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	High	

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Old Bridge	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
Owl Creek	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Low	Low	Low use, many down trees
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Very Low	Moderate	
	Gary Asbridge	Hiker	Low	Low	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
Payten	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	High	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
Ponderosa Loop	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	NA	Hiked in 2015
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Low	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Low	Low	
Potlid	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Very Low	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Low	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Needs to be cleared
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Needs to be cleared
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Very Low	Very Low	Impassible
Rimrock Springs	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	High	Moderate	
	Gary Asbridge	Hiker	Moderate	Low	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	High	High	
Round Mountain	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Rampant user conflict (trail is too steep and has blind spots to accommodate bikes and horses)
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	High	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Low	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	Conflict with bikes
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	Bikes create hazards

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	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
Scotty Creek	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Low	Low	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Very Low	Low	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Low	Low	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Needs maintenance
South Prong	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Low Use
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Low	
Stein's Pillar	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Gary Asbridge	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
Tam a Lau	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Segment on Peninsula is great but shooting is a huge problem
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	High	High	
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	High	High	Shooters are a problem- we have to ride a long way on dirt road to get to it.
Twin Pillars	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Low	Low	Very bad creek crossing, many down trees, trail is impassible
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	High	
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	Moderate	High	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Low	Moderate	Upper section needs clearing
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Low	Moderate	Upper section needs clearing, bad creek crossing
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Low	Moderate	Upper section needs clearing, nasty water crossing
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	Low	Low	First 3 miles nice, upper third terrible, washout, logs down, manzanita brush bad

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Walton Lake	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	High	
	Sean Callaghan	Bike	Moderate	Low	
Warner Loop	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Moderate	Moderate	
	Buck Davis	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	Group conflicts
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	High	Moderate	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	High	High	
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	High	High	
	OET Member 4**	Equestrian	High	High	
Wildcat	Kim McCarrel	Equestrian	Low	Low	Very steep sidehill, deferred maintenance
	Kit Dickey*	Hiker	Low	Very Low	Hunters
	Bruce Williams	Hiker	Moderate	Moderate	
	Casey Kaiser	Hiker	High	High	
	OET Member 1**	Equestrian	Moderate	Low	
	OET Member 2**	Equestrian	Low	Low	
	OET Member 3**	Equestrian	Low	Low	Steep drop-offs second half
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* All trails hiked in 2016 & 2017, comment notes if hiked in 2015.

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Subject:	Agenda and materials for OTSG tomorrow
Attachments:	A_2018_2_06 OTSG Meeting Notes.docx, B_OTSG Work Plan _ Draft

2018_02_27.docx, 2018_3_06 Agenda _ OTSG.docx

Hello all,

Attached are the agenda and materials for your meeting tomorrow. Sorry for the delay!

Please note that we are going to be rolling up sleeves and mapping your trail improvements/new trails/etc. - so be ready to discuss!

We will be shipping off the results to the FS so that specialists can start the process of weighing in re: management issues (habitat, sensitive plants, archeological, funding/resources, etc.). I expect that we'll have them in person at the April meeting.

Thanks,

Scott

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Ochoco Trails Strategy Group Meeting - February 6, 2018

Attendance:
Sarah Carver- COTA/biker
Sean Callaghan- biker (Good Bike Shop)
Buck Davis- Equestrian
James Good- COTA/ biker
Kit Dickey- Hiker
Kim McCarrel- Equestrian/ OET
Casey Kaiser- Chamber
Kent ?- USFS
Lisa Machnik- USFS
Bruce Williams- Hiker/biker
Jim Beaupre- USFS

Staff:
Scott Aycock- COIC
Janel Ruehl- COIC

Key Decisions:

o   Group will focus on more solutions, strategies, and fixes in next meeting

Action Items:

o   COIC: create a google drive folder to house all the meeting notes and related documents in publically accessible place.

Body of Meeting:

Introductions: Scott Aycock introduced himself as facilitator, and Janel Ruehl as new COIC staff. She won't be working on this project but she'll be working on future projects in Crook County. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves in turn.

1. **Review of Agenda**
   - Outcomes of previous meeting as outlined in Attachment A
     o   Scott reviewed high-level outcomes (Attachment A)
     o   No other comments or additions

2. **Review Work Plan (Attachment A)**
    Scott reviewed updates with the group
    o   Changed "plan" to "proposal"
    o   Pushed everything back a month (creating draft proposal by May)
    o   Added community meeting in June

    Other Comments:

- Lisa: There's a potential time conflict with April-May Timeframe of working with the USFS interdisciplinary team, as this is the busiest season of the year for fieldwork. The group just needs to be aware of potential bottlenecks. Larger projects may be difficult to accomplish in this timeframe. Scott: Only limited detail is required for this proposal, so we should be able to work with this, with awareness of potential conflicts. The main idea is that this portion of the group is wrapped up by July.
- Kim: How do we synthesize and incorporate community comments after the June meeting? Scott: Community comments are feedback, not required changes. The group will decide on which feedback you'd like to incorporate in the proposal during the July meeting.

3. **Group activity**

Overview of each group's desired attributes

* indicates overlapping attributes for multiple groups

Hikers' desired attributes:

*views/scenic (wide diversity of terrain)

*Varied slope/elevation gain (flat for families, steep for adult hikers)

*Varied Distance

Families 1.5-3 miles

Adult day 8-10 miles

Overnight 15-20 miles,

Distance runners want length 35-100 miles

Ultra runners are a rapidly growing segment!

*Loops

Lots of desirable trails, but no loops!

Water access (important for backpackers)

Shady Spots to rest (important for backpackers)

*Proximity to town

*Proximity to campgrounds (more potential east of town)

Solitary/limited interaction with others – perhaps less important for families

Wildlife viewing

*Well-maintained trails

Clear of debris

Well-drained

Smooth tread (esp after equestrian/biker use)

Ease of access (clear directions)

*Signage at trailhead and junctions, maps at trailhead

*Facilities (restrooms)

*Dedicated single user group trails (same speed)

Dog policy/etiquette clearly posted (dogs under control)

*Stacked loop systems near campgrounds

Sub-user groups: Families, day, weekender, pack campers, users that share the same speed

<u>Bikers' Desired Attributes:</u>

        Flow Trails/More Trail Features (Fun, i.e Wanoga)

        *Scenic

                -"Sinuosity" (snaky, mysterious, surprises)

        Challenge (obstacles, elevation, texture, etc.)

        *Loops

        Accessibility (distance to Trailhead vs. Destination Trail)

                **Proximity to town

                **Destination-worthy trails

        *Trail markers/signage/maps at trailheads and major junctions

                - Legend (classify trails based on skill level)

        Mileage (the longer the better, but also some 8-10mi trails for after-work riders)

                *Varied mileage for different users (age and skill level)

        Varied Elevation Gain/difficulty level

        *More trails!

        *Dedicated Trails designed and built for bikers (more trail features)

        Flat/slow shorter trails for families

        *Parking

        *Facilities/Amenities (Bathrooms, Picnic Tables, water at trailhead)

        *Well-maintained (no trees in trail)

        Option for a vehicle shuttle

        *Stacked loop systems near campgrounds

        Sub-users: Skill Level, comfort, age, gear, after-work rider vs. weekender, families

<u>Equestrian Desired Attributes:</u>

        *Proximity to town

        *Proximity to Horse Camps (Allen Creek, Dry Creek)

        Trailer Parking

        Hitching Rails and Corrals at Trailheads (for pack riders)

        *Well-maintained trails

        *Water access

        *Signage

        *Varied Mileage

                Day riders 10-15 mi

                Endurance/Pack Riders 20+mi

        Endurance Trails at Corral Flat permanently signed/designated horse trails

        *Scenic views and interesting destinations

        Safety! (Slow Trails and Fast Trails)

        No drop-offs (cliffs)

        More trails added to existing networks (Dry Creek)

        *Stacked loop systems near horse camps

        Sub-users: day riders, pack riders, endurance riders

Scott: It will take too long to get through the trail list today so let's capture a priority list for each user group?

Sean: It might be more helpful to start the discussion of conflicts.

Casey: generally speaking, we have a good group handle on conflicts and several months ago Jim took the group through a comment on individual trails. Maybe we're ready to start looking at individual trails.

Scott: We could start documenting ideas of what you want and why for each trail (Solutions, Strategies, Fixes). Group agreed to this focus.

3 min break.

4. **Solutions, Strategies, Fixes**

Each group member took turns providing a solution/strategy/fix to improve conditions for their user group:

Kit: Connection between Boeing Field and Rock Creek (1.5 mile missing)
    Why: makes a huge loop with access to Black Canyon Wilderness

Kim: The endurance trails at Corral Flat are fabulous, make them official with signage for equestrian use
    Why: riders love them but they are only signed/permitted for one annual event

Casey: Create a trail up the West Fork of Mill Creek (scenic bikers, hikers, backpackers)
    Why: It's a nice, fairly easy downhill or up/back ride for bikers or hikers, very scenic, opportunity
    for shuttle, nice camping areas, historic element, outside wilderness boundary

Sean: Cougar, Scotty, and Potlid Trails connected to form a stacked loop (eventually tying to Bandit Springs)
    Why: create a giant stacked loop

Buck: Develop a system at Lookout that provides for safe use for everyone
    Why: safety is key and Lookout is a major problem

Bruce: Strategy- open up closed roads to use for loops until new trails can be created (clear the downed trees, etc.)
    Why: some great easy options for nice trails on the closed roads

Kit: Mill Creek System- connect Mill Creek to White Rock campgrounds and connect Mill Creek to Giddyup-Go (also Brennan-Palisades)
    Why: creates a whole bunch of loops! Hikers and equestrians

Kim: Designate Giddyup-Go Trails and Dry Creek campground area as Equestrian/hiker use only
    Why: Give equestrians a place to ride without contending with bikers

Sarah: Strategy- Good multi-use trail education at Trailheads (multi-use trail etiquette)
    Why: important for any new trails and loops (Scott: great to reinforce trail etiquette at other
    venues like gear shops, clubs, etc. also)

Sean: Connection from bottom of Lookout to bottom of Round Mountain (Walton Lake side)
    Why: Creates a big loop, avoids vehicle traffic

Buck: Develop trails at the Allen Creek Horse Camp
    Why: Great facilities, but no trails, and not everyone is comfortable with bushwhacking

Casey: Develop Bandit Springs (Winter Trails) into stacked loops/connections for bikers
    Why: great spot for family-friendly trails lower down, maybe a good location for flow trails

Other Comments:

Kim: would be great to have a google drive as a collection point for all current docs! See action items.

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Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

March 6, 2018   11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce
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Agenda

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  - Self-facilitate
  - Map your proposed new trails, trail links, trail improvements
  - Capture explanatory text
  - Present back to full group
- Group – Discuss all proposals together

1:00 – 1:15p   Build next meeting agenda

OTSG Meeting

March 6, 2018

FLIP CHART NOTES FOR MAPPING PROCESS

Equestrians – in Rank Order

A: Lookout Mountain / Independent Mine

- Open lines of sight
- Re-route pinch point – immediate
- Signage
- Consider one-way uphill/alternating weekends, etc.

B. Corral Flat

- Sign endurance trails
- Equestrian and hiker only

C: Mill Creek Wilderness

- Create two trails outside the wilderness to allow loops
  - White Rock to Wildcat Trailhead
  - Bingham Prairie to Whistler Spring
- Equestrian/hiker only or non-OHU trails

**Also: W. Fork Mill Creek hiker/equestrian. Maybe bike?

D: Dry Creek Horse Camp

- Creek connectors to make loop options
- Level horse camp parking pads
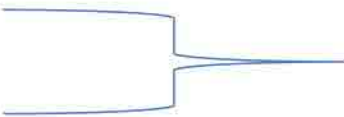
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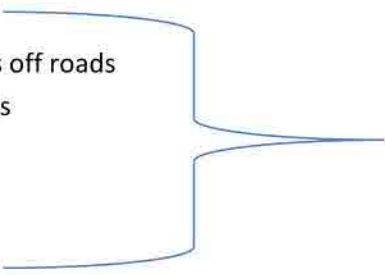
- Connect forest roads with single tracks to creek loops.
- Sign routes.
- Consider signed cross county travel
- Equestrian/hiker only?

F: Black Canyon

- Connect trailheads to creek loops

MTB – In Rank Order

1. Connect Pot Lid, Cougar, Scotty, Bandit Springs
   - Eventually wanted to Bandit Springs
   - Multi-use

   On previous COTA trail proposal given to FS

2. Squirrel Ridge (off Mill Creek)
   - New DH trail area – no existing trails
   - Downhill
   - Not multi-use

3. Lookout/Round Mountain Connection
   - Loop option for each trail system that is off roads
   - Road – to – trail conversion or new trails
   - Multi-use

4. Bandit Springs to Walton/ Round Mountain
   - Connectivity between trail networks
   - Multi-use

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5. Cottonwood/Spanish Peak/Barnhouse Connection
   - Create destination trail system for weekend riding
   - Not sure how to connect the 2 at this point
   - Multi-use

6. Hammer Creek/Maury System
   - Re-open existing trails and extend to bigger system
   - Is a loop
   - Multi-use

Makes sense all around. I've already dropped it off my radar.

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Subject: RE: Brush Creek Trail- Lookout Mt.

When COTA was going around connecting with other groups for their overall trail proposal they got into some conflict with Juniper Group Sierra Club about Brush Creek. They sat down and discussed the issues. COTA ended up agreeing that it was better suited to a big game habitat block and decided to remove it from their plans. After seeing the overgrowth, lack of maintenance, bear and elk tracks, they moved on. I thought it was a great example of groups working through a conflict and coming together.

No NEPA to remove it, we could work on it. However, I nearly guarantee that the route would be on unsustainable grades and we'd end up in the same situation of calling for necessary reroutes to make it worth the trouble.

Showing that recreation and user groups are also considerate of wildlife and core habitat will go a long way when we start asking for new trails and connections.

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Subject: Brush Creek Trail- Lookout Mt.

I came across a reference in the Forest Plan specifically about building/maintaining the Brush Creek Trail.

Just curious, why doesn't the forest maintain this? Where is the NEPA that says we are removing it from the Forest Trail System?

Seems like a good grant project for COTA.

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Subject: OTSG July 3 meeting materials
Attachments: 2018_7_03 Agenda _ OTSG.docx, A_OTSG 6-5-18 notes.docx, B_Trail Proposals - attributes.docx

Hello all,

Attached are a simple agenda and the notes from the last meeting + the "Trails Attributes" document that I started building that will be included with the "lines on the map".

If you took some of the maps, as per the notes below, please make sure to bring them with you!

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** Kit is taking a complete set of the non-box maps and the Maury maps and some blank mylar and is going to make a start for both equestrians and hikers.

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I'll see you Tuesday!

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Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

July 3, 2018   11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce
185 NE 10th St, Prineville, OR

Agenda

11:15 – 11:30a	Catch-Up: Review Outcomes of June 5 Meeting *A_Notes* *B_Trail Attributes*
11:40a – 1:00p	Continue Mapping and Development of Trail Attributes
1:00 – 1:15p	Review and Next Steps

OTSG

6-5-18

Scott Aycock, Kim Daniels, Gary Asbridge, Lisa Machnik, Sean Callahan, Jim Beaupre, Kit Dickey, Casey Kaiser, Stan Shepardson, Sarah Carver, Bruce Williams, Roy Miller, Kim McCarroll, Mary Beyer, Kim Daniels.

OVERVIEW

Casey gave an overview of the goals and why they're here. Seeing the increasing number of visitors using the trails here and preserve the experience that the local community is having but also increase the opportunity for visitors. Tourism and economic development – one thing that has become increasingly more important for that is a lifestyle and quality of life. Where to live and where to locate businesses.

MAPPING PRINCIPLES

Discussed the features on the maps.

- Avoid listed fish species streams. EA consultation = much more lengthy NEPA process. A lot more work and money.
- Roads – large bold lines are roads open to motorized vehicles, small solid line are level 1 roads (closed to motorized use) but still open, dashed lines are decommissioned.
- Topo lines for grade.
- Nothing from wildlife bio. Rule of thumb = cluster trails in space. Lump new trail proposals near existing roads and trails.

Stan – some roads that have been decommissioned is that for wildlife protection? Yes.

Avoidance is great, but if there is a real need for a connector and it crosses a stream then we can figure out a way to mitigate impacts.

Sean – what about nesting sites? For areas with existing surveys, yes we know this but for a lot of areas we don't know.

Casey – most specialists will not be able to give us more feedback until there are specific lines on the map.

Lisa – a good way to think about it is to express the desire to connect two places and some features and experiences that we want it to have. That will then give the FS flexibility in finding the exact alignments.

So, the proposal should have a line on a map that also has information about features, length, and whatever you are looking at. Ongoing iterative process.

Top priorities, why, and purpose of the trails.

WORK PLAN

#8 Complete the Proposal means the best that this group can give the USFS – based on the info they have, informed by the community meeting, and the final "vetting" by the specialists. Best proposal, which will then come to Gary, Slater, and Shane. Lisa – "complete" and "comprehensive" sounds final, but it will in reality be the beginning of a process. It will be an ongoing, iterative thing.

Gary – Correct, we will then decide to move ahead with the formal NEPA/project planning area for X trails. Folks are going to have to go out on the ground and flag the actual trail location. Then the specialists can do their surveys and we can do NEPA and finalize and then implement.

Gary – what we are doing right now is part of NEPA. But not formally. Could be a decade to build it all out.

Stan – seems like our job is to have a vision for a section of ground. They ID what they want and then let the FS ID where exactly to put the lines. When the trail becomes more defined we can give more input.

Gary -at Step 8 – still looking at it from the 5,000 foot level. Any line you draw we are not locked into. As long as we know what experiences you want from that trail we can work with that.

Kit – July and August – need to discuss community meetings. Are we going to do that?

July 3 OTSG meeting? Yes.

Community meeting? Just do one. Community meeting should be run by this group, not the FS. Have it at the Library or Museum or Kerry Foster Hall. FS would be there but this group will run it.

We will create a subcommittee group to plan the community meeting.

Casey – logistics is easy. What do we have to show them for the community meeting – draft proposal and narrative to get there. August is a tough month to plan something. **Do the community meeting in Sept.**

Hold time at the end to check in on timing/progress.

Stan – let's add info to each trail. Scott will begin a document that captures all that info.

Decommissoned roads are OK to consider.

(Side conversation with Jim B. – consider having a future meeting agenda item on resources and opportunities to support implementation – state grants, etc. and maintenance).

Next meeting:

More mapping – July 3rd. Scott to bring red white and blue cupcakes.

Community meeting subcommittee – Sean, Kit, me, Kim, Gary.

Equestrian Trail Proposals = Red

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Trail 2	Same as hiker 3
Trail 3	Series of small loops off the Giddyup and Go Trail. Just to add more mileage, vistas and diversity. Stacked loop formation.
Trail 4	Connector trail from Dry Creek Horse Camp to Brennan Palisades.
Trail 5	Section of Lookout Mtn. Trail that includes North Point. Want to make that section closed to Mtn. Bikers. Proposed an alternative bike trail (laid out by bikers on their maps). Also is an area high in vistas and many types of wildflowers that should be traveled slowly for aesthetics and safety.
Trail 6	Large complex of trails currently used for the Bandit Springs Endurance Ride. Just need to be signed and made into official trails. Many trails. (Note: Proposed OHV trails cut right through this area. We believe that there is a need for slow travel through here.)
Trail 7 – incomplete	Allen Creek Horse Camp area. Unable to complete proposal b/c of lack of knowledge of the area, but there's a very nice horse camp and there should be some trails there. Might also lend itself to open country travel – not necessarily a developed trail.

Hiker = Green

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Box 1, trail 1 Hikers and equestrians	Connector between Twin Pillars trailhead and Wildcat Trailheads. Outside the wilderness to make it easy to maintain to use chainsaws, paralleling rd. 27. Connects those to make a longer loop option for backpackers and horse people and runners. Safety benefits. Runners, hikers, backpackers and hunters are using it. Twin Pillars is relatively heavily used and Belknap is relatively heavily used – will disperse usage as it increases.
Near Box 2, trail 3 Hikers and equestrians	Connecting White Rock campground back down to Wildcat campground. Outside the wilderness area so it's easily cleared. Completes a loop. Gorgeous area. Twin Pillars is relatively heavily used and Belknap is relatively heavily used – will disperse usage as it increases.
Box 1, trail 2 Hikers mainly, could be equestrians (but seems unlikely)	Whole new trail. Potlid trail area… Not a good out and back currently, so this makes a loop out of it. Gorgeous views over into the John Day Canyon. Goes a little funky to follow the existing roads. New loop. Looking North.

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Box 1 trail 4 – connecting trail 1 to 2	Connector to open up more opportunities. Opens up more usage – not used much now.
Trail 5	Totally new trail. Very rough outline in the Bridge Creek Wilderness. Listed as a roadless, trackless wilderness except that there are many people going in there hiking along the creek, destroying habitat. They are also hiking on steep cliffs and shale slopes. Put in a real trail. But if there is going to be an increase in use and lots of S&R, then we should focus that use.

Bike Trail Proposals

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Agenda

Kim Daniels, Kim McCarrol, Mary and Roy Beyer, Stan, Sarah, Sean, Duane Miller

11:15 – 11:30a	Catch-Up: Review Outcomes of June 5 Meeting
	A_Notes
	B_Trail Attributes

Scott gave an overview of the work at the last meeting. Principles, mapping activities, etc. We discussed how to get our work mapped. This project isn't on the USFS program of work for this FY. Will try to get the lines mapped onto a layer. Gary will try it but can't guarantee that we can get that done.

What if we GPS'd some of these? That work work.

Gary is going on detail for 120 days. End of July through Thanksgiving @ Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. Fallout from Eagle Creek Fire.

Don't know who the "Acting Gary" will be yet.

Group next steps?

Kim – we need to stay together to work on implementation or it won't happen.

Stuff like fundraising will work better if it's not from the FS. Group members can pursue more $ than the FS can.

Also, address use conflicts, etc. Wayfinding, maintenance.

Chamber – think about how to market this opportunity.

Sean – moving after two meetings. Have to take him and Gary off the community meeting subcommittee. Gary's replacement will be tasked with this project.

Kit indicated that Walton Lake has lots of user trails but no official trails and needs that. Also, campgrounds south of Big Summit Prairie that would lead to waterfalls.

Kim – Sisters Trails Alliance is a good model potentially. Built a community trails plan, multi-user group. Built trails, signed them, now responsible for maintaining them. Big tent = lots of support from the community. Gary Guttormsen and Chuck Humphreys – ask them to address this group.

Regarding use conflicts – one potential solution is one-way trails. Helps a lot. Challenge on LM since it's an up and back trail so no opportunity for that.

11:40a – 1:00p   Continue Mapping and Development of Trail Attributes

Group separated into their user groups and continued the mapping/trail attributes process.

1:00 – 1:15p   Review and Next Steps

Next meeting:
Equestrians work on priorities
Bikers/hikers complete mapping
Everyone – verify what we get on GIS layers

Equestrian Trail Proposals = Red

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Trail 1 – Bingham to Whistler	Same as hiker Box 1 hiker trail. From Bingham Springs, would make sense to go north to Old Spur and connect east to 404 road – this alternative is mapped.
Trail 2 – White Rock to Wildcat	Same as hiker 3 Alternative routing mapped in the White Rock/Wildcat area. Real issue is to create a loop – actual alignment doesn't matter.
Trail 3 – Dry Creek Add-ons	Series of small loops off the Giddyup and Go Trail. Just to add more mileage, vistas and diversity. Stacked loop formation.
Trail 4 Dry Creek – Brennan Connector	Connector trail from Dry Creek Horse Camp to Brennan Palisades. Also mapped a potential loop on mostly FS roads (across the legend).
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Trail 6 – Endurance Trails	Large complex of trails currently used for the Bandit Springs Endurance Ride. Just need to be signed and made into official trails. Many trails. (Note: Proposed OHV trails cut right through this area. We believe that there is a need for slow travel through here.) Note: *The FS at one point had this mapped.*
Trail 7 – Allen Creek Horse Camp	Allen Creek Horse Camp area. Unable to complete proposal b/c of lack of knowledge of the area, but there's a very nice horse camp and there should be some trails there. Might also lend itself to open country travel – not necessarily a developed trail.
Trail 8 – West Fork of Mill Creek/Squirrel Ridge	West Fork of Mill Creek/Squirrel Ridge. Loops, almost entirely on Forest roads. Give us pretty forest and meadows, close to Wildcat so can use that trailhead to access them.
Trail 9 – Miner's Gulch Loop	Starting at JB Corrals on 33 Road, goes up Miner's Gulch to the mine, then two loops – one toward Harvey Gap and one shorter loop. Easy day ride from town. Good town access, good parking. 16-17 miles from town. Want to take them past the mine shaft. Almost all on decommissioned Forest Roads.
Trail 10 – Hash Rock Loop	Close to town, open Ponderosa Pine forest and vistas from old Hash Rock lookout. Start at Whiskey Pit; adequate parking there.

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WALTON LAKE AREA PLACEHOLDER	No official trails there.
South of Big Summit Prairie placeholder	Would be easy to put in trails to waterfalls
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Wolf and South Prong trailheads
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Boeing and Rock Creek trailheads (either side of creek OK)
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Mascal and Rock Creek TH

Bike Trail Proposals

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Boxes 3, 4, A, B, and C	
Trail 1	Connectivity between Lookout and Round Mountain to get people off the main road. Connectivity between two major trails. Safety = get people off major paved road. Safety is main emphasis but also the longer ride. About 60% is existing, closed road, which seemed to be the best way to avoid the riparian and avoid opening up previously undisturbed area. Also avoids some steeper areas.
Trail 2	Creating an extra loop and connectivity on LM. High use area. Doesn't address the pinch points
Maury Map:	
Trail 1	Reestablish Hammer Creek Trail – existing mtn biking trail just needs maintenance. Same line on the map as before. Great trail b/c it's already a loop.
Box 5 Map:	
Trail 1	New trail connecting Barnhouse Campground to Keeton Trailhead. Creates a larger loop with many loops inside (feeder trails). Part of the destination idea – way away from town but people can camp in the area and spend time exploring trails. Would help bring people away from LM. Nice high alpine meadows/mixed environments.
Trail 2	Part of it is on this map, remainder is not mapped b/c it isn't on the base map. Goal is to create a really big loop. All day epic-style ride incorporating great vistas including Spanish Peak. **Sean will take the larger Black Canyon wilderness map home and map this.**
Box 1 and 2 Map:	
Ignore the line in Box 2	
Trail 1	Connectivity – see Jim Beaupres on this trail (Sarah and Sean weren't sure). Connectivity of Cougar Creek and Potlid.
Trail 2	*Same area as one of the equestrian trails* Creates a connectivity loop between the top and bottom of Potlid and the top and bottom of Scotty Creek. Incorporates historic trails and views along the way. Most is decommissioned roads. Bruce Williams has GPS for a lot of this.
Trail 3	Connection from Cougar Creek to Bandit Springs area. Existing facilities at Bandit Springs. Make it more of an official trailhead rather than having the sketchy turn off Hwy 26 to access current trailhead. Would be good for hikers and xcountry skiers too.
Trail 4	Bandit Springs. Utilizing some winter trails for summer use. Family-friendly loops right off the highway. Already some existing summer use.

James and Bruce had several additional ideas for trails areas.

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

August 7, 2018   11:15a – 1:15p

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Shane Jeffries, Jacob Young (acting for Gary Asbridge), Kit Dickey, Jim Beaupres, James Good, Monte Gregg (new forest wildlife bio that came over from Sisters), Bruce Williams, Sarah Carver, Kim McCarrel, Mary Beyer, Kim Daniels.

Staff: Scott Aycock

Agenda

11:15 – 11:30a   Catch-Up: Review Outcomes of July 3 Meeting
                         A_Notes

In response to the July notes, Kit noted that there are lots of campgrounds on the Ochoco with no official trails. So, all of these places have user trails. Just noting that we've done a great job of looking at what we have now and how we can codify the existing horse user trails but there's a lot that hasn't been looked at. We don't have any campers' trails. Look at the past Forest Plan – has a lot of other proposals.

Kim – when we do the community meeting let's throw out that we want to create a community trails group that's broader than this group.

                         B_Trail Attributes

11:30 – 11:50   OTSG Work Plan
    • Review updated work plan timings
    • September community meeting
    • Discuss membership and FS engagement in light of turnover
    • OTSG: Post-Strategy – following up with Sisters Trails Alliance
    C_Work Plan

Sept. 20 Library – 5:00-9:00 is reserved for us. 5:30-8:30?

Q - How much time for presentation vs. taking feedback, etc. A- this effort needs to be teed up – opening presentation. But most of the time getting feedback.

Didn't want it to look like it was put on by the Chamber and Forest Service, etc. Should be owned by the group members.

**Who can be there? Sarah, Kim, Mary, Kit, Kim D.

Kim – let's open with mingle time – then at 6 do 10 minutes of overview and then the rest of the evening is folks looking at the maps and chatting. Someone welcoming folks.

Do it as an open house so no food etc. Open house is from 6-8.

**Outreach? Kim D. will help with that.

Key goals:

- Input/feedback. Have colored stickers to indicate priorities or something…. Priority ranking of the trails, etc.? Post-its with comments
- Additional memberships/engagement for the future. Come away with a mailing list of people that want to be more involved with trails outreach and planning.
  - Going to need lots more volunteers if we want all our goals to happen.

Make sure the maps are easier to interpret at the community meetings.

Outreach for the event? Chamber can help. What, when, where, why, how? Use the word "non-motorized" frequently.

County Natural Resource Committee/PAC? Do they have someone interested in rec/trails? Work with Tim D. on this. Plus, send out to the OFRC.

Shane – could involve DYF to participate/be involved? Have them be on the Planning Committee? Could help create a partnership with them. Jim will connect Rika and Kim.

Amy Lowe will be acting as of the 24th of this month.

**Scott asked for COTA to designate someone that can consistently be here. Bruce – Sean represents one element of the mtn. bikers – hardcore/technical/downhill type stuff.

Group confirmed the work plan dates.

Funding/staff support. Currently no plan to move forward. Have to start thinking about sustaining ourselves in the future. Lisa M. said there wouldn't be $ for facilitation into the future from the FS.

Kim – could someone in the group pick up this work?

DYF – they do fundraising… would be good to have them engaged. How help support this work going forward. NFF grant program – could be a source.

**Invite Rika to the next meeting.
**Scott will look at a couple grant sources.

11:50 – TBD   *If available: <u>Review GIS mapped versions of proposals so far</u>*

The group reviewed the GIS-mapped versions on Google Earth and made suggested changes. Jim B. took notes and agreed to follow up with revised maps.

Noon – 1:00p   <u>Continue Mapping, Trail Attributes, and Prioritization</u>

The group continued their map updates, revisions, etc.

After some discussion, the group agreed that all proposed trails are to be considered multi-use with the exception of the Equestrian Endurance Trail.

1:00 – 1:15p   <u>Review and Next Steps</u>

Kit took down a couple additional names for folks to consult with at ODF&W.

**Group will use sticky notes on the hard copy maps to correct details.
**Mtn. biker group will review the trails proposals tonight and will create trail names to help cross-reference with the trail attributes table.

Monte – noted the cumulative impact side of things, complexity, etc.

**Add him to the group email list mgregg@fs.fed.us

Gmail

Scott Aycock <scotta@coic.org>

SAVE THE DATE message

1 message

Kim McCarrel (b)(6)   Mon, Aug 27, 2018 at 1:02 PM
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Hi, everybody! At our meeting on September 4th, we'll be finalizing plans for the community trails meeting coming up on the 20th, including talking about how we're going to promote the meeting. I figured if I waited until the 5th to tell my fellow OET'ers about it, some of those who are interested would be unable to come because they needed more notice. So I sent out a Save the Date email to hopefully get it on folks' calendars.

The message I sent is below. If you want to send out your own Save the Date message, you are welcome to use this one if you like (or modify it or ignore it, as you see fit).   Any, here's the message I sent to OET:

On September 20th there will be a Community Trails Planning Meeting in Prineville, and I hope all of you will come and express your opinions! The Ochoco Trails Strategy Group has been developing the first draft of a trails plan for the Ochoco National Forest and wants your input. This meeting will be at the Prineville Library from 6 to 8 pm. It will be an open house so you can come and go as you like.

The Ochoco Trails Strategy group is an ad hoc group convened by the Prineville Chamber of Commerce and the Ochoco National Forest. It includes representatives of COTA, OET, BCH, hikers, ranchers, & the business community. Its aim is to make sure all trail users have plenty of enjoyable and safe places to hike/ride in the Ochocos. The goal is to create a trails plan for the next 10-15 years -- a plan that will help the Ochocos create more recreational opportunities for all non-motorized trail users, avoid overuse and trail conflicts, and preserve the character of this beautiful area.

The trails plan is truly in its infancy, and you have an opportunity (hopefully the first of many) to help shape it for the future.

Happy Trails, everybody!
Kim

PS: If I missed anybody I should have sent this message to, please forward it. Thanks!

Proposed Trails
- Equestrian
- Equestrian and Hiker
- Hiker
- Mountain Bike

Existing Trails
- ATV - ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE
- BICYCLE
- HIKER/PEDESTRIAN
- PACK AND SADDLE

Alt5_Trails - OHV Trails
- Class I (up to 50" wide)
- Class II (up to 80" wide)
- Class III (up to 24" wide)
- Class IV

RoadEvent - Operational Maintenance Level
- 5 - HIGH DEGREE OF USER COMFORT
- 4 - MODERATE DEGREE OF USER COMFORT
- 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES

Ownership
- U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- National Park Service
- Other Federal Land
- State Land
- Other Land, Including Private
- Wilderness

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Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

September 4, 2018   11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce
185 NE 10th St, Prineville, OR

Agenda

11:15 – 11:20a   <u>Introductions</u>

Scott Aycock, Kit Dickey, Travis Holman, Bruce Miller, Darlene Henderson, Kim Daniels, Stan Shephardson, Sarah Carver, Lisa Machnik, Ruth Miller, Duane Miller, Rika Ayotte, Jim Beaupres, Mary Beyer.

11:20-11:30   <u>Catch-Up: Review Outcomes of August 7 Meeting</u>
                              A_Notes

At the last meeting the group began teeing up the community meeting and identified a subcommittee to plan the event.

Discussed turnover at the Forest Service and ways to keep their engagement. Monte Gregg, USFS wildlife biologist, joined the group. Amy Lowe is acting for Gary A.

Discussed how there is no plan for ongoing FS funding for this effort and desire for conversations with STA as well as DYF.

Continued refining the maps.

11:30 – 12:20p   <u>OTSG Work Plan</u>
                              - **Future Activities (30 mins)**
                                   o **List of Ideas on Work Plan (from prior meeting notes)**

Two issues – need the long-term vision and then want to address the user conflicts. Horses and bikers at lookout mtn. Stan wants to do this by April.

JIM: Regarding the Potlid reroutes; Lookout mtn ridge zone reroutes; Cold Loop trail in the grassland.s Expecting to put this on the internal program of work for next FY.

Kit – we are not done in December. This will go on. A lot will come from that community meeting. Will need to be flexible and quick on your feet.

Darlene – questioned how many of the group live in Crook Do or Prineville? Many but not all.

Stan – Is the Chamber going to continue to fund? Right now it's a grant for facilitation from the FS.

Kim – what involvement do you want and what do you need moving forward?

- o Sisters Trails Alliance -- Overview of group goals, structure, funding, staffing, etc. *Chuck Humphreys, Sisters Trails Alliance*
- o Discussion – how to meet OTSG longer-term goals?

Chuck Humphreys, Sisters Trail Alliance, joined the group on the phone. He provided a broad overview of the founding and evolution of the STA:

- Outgrowth of a community action effort to realize economic development opportunities in Sisters. Focused on trails and trail development. Was considered an ED driver. Got a grant to prepare a community trails plan. Identified a bunch of trails that the community would like to have.
- Got a grant from the RTP program to build and sign trails.
- Became more organized, had membership and elected officers. Trails plan emphasized biking and walking. A lot of the drivers were cycling. Emphasis on community connection -that aspect has become fairly important. Not so much about mtn biking trails for recreation.
- Current motto is trails for everyone. Work with (?) on equestrian trails. Do paved trails. Scenic bikeways. Etc. Map out road rides for people. Hiking trails. Recently started to partner with other folks on xcountry ski trails. Anything that's a trail that's non-motorized is their bailiwick.
- How they got to where they are – were expanding the Peterson Ridge Trail and had community idea that mtn. bikers were usurping equestrian territory. Separate trails would be better was the idea. Resulted in a strong partnership with the equestrian community and have them on the board etc. Reinforced their belief that they wanted this broader focus.
- RTP grant – did a bunch of signage. First big project, funded thru donations, was to fund a connector trail between Tollgate and Sisters. Completed in 2006. 2010 pushed to expand Peterson Ridge trail.
- People get energized around building a new trail for their use. Almost all trails are across FS lands... so for a whole lot of reasons it can be very difficult to get approval to build new trails. Had to rethink about what we do as an organization – hard to build trails! Have been very few new trails that they've been able to lead.
- Big question that took several years to work through was their organizational structure. Started off very informally; self-selected trails group. Eventually partnered with Sisters Parks and Rec. which provided an umbrella for various community organizations. Did all the back

office work, provided insurance, helped manage donations, etc. That changed when there was a change in board members. New board didn't much like the trails work. SPRD began to realize that they needed to tightly control too much. Became untenable and created their own 501c(3) organization. Process wasn't so bad.

- Spend ~$2500/year in insurance. What was free was now something they had to budget for and raise funds for. Was the right decision but it created more complexity and costs.
- Now going through stage of growth – getting to be hard for volunteers to manage and carry out. E.g. Coordinating volunteers, interacting with funding agencies, etc. Went through a strat. Plan process. Now hiring a pt staff person. Becoming more of a formal organization than they imagined 15 years ago.
- 2017 budget costs and revenues -
  - $7,000. Make 25,000 copies/year of a trails map – horse, mtn biking, road routes for cyclists. Get that financed through sponsorship with local businesses (place an ad in the map).
  - $2,000. Grant from OR Community Foundation to do strategic planning.\
  - Membership dues = $3,500.
  - Variety of donations from individuals and biz. 2-3 people give them $2k/each every year. Sponsor some meet and greet events; partner with a brewpub and charge people to come. Get new members and get to know ya.
- $4,500 on administration – web, insurance, etc.
- $12,000 on trail work. mainly the handout maps and large-format maps on kiosks.
- In 2011-12 spent $25K on an environmental assessment and $6k on another one in 2006. Building trails are lumpy expenditures.
- Have ~$50k in the bank. war chest for trails stuff.
- In thinking about their mandate, is it just building trails or is it helping people know about and use trails? STA's emphasis is on the 2nd part. Have an educational mission as well. They refined that when they became a 501©(3). Interactive maps etc.
- Would like to do more stewardship and more trail-related activities such as guided hikes and rides.
- When became a 501©(3) they stopped being a "membership" organization. Members have to elect and anything you do has to go through a vote. Opted for a form where officers can do all that. They still call people that donate "members", but technically not a membership org.
- Travis – how would you describe your relationships/interactions with user groups like COTA?
- Chuck - With OET we have a solid relationship. On our board, etc.
- Travis – do you work with those groups on trail proposals?
- Chuck - when we build trails its typically for mtn bikers or all users on a paved trails. Also hiking trails. Had some joint projects on equestrian trails.
- Another strategic plan goal for them is to expand partnerships with other organizations. Definitely happening with equestrian groups.
- Had a bit of an issue with COTA in the past. Thought that COTA would be able to get new trails built – created a COTA chapter in Sisters and announced that they would be responsible for trails in Sisters. Surprised them…. Part of it was a result of personalities. Also, we are a

small organization and there's only so much we can do. In the end we've worked out an arrangement with COTA where we take care of trails within a certain radius around sisters and COTA has the stuff farther out. Geographic division of labor.

- COTA wasn't any more successful than we have been but partnering was helpful b/c their demographic is different. We have older people and COTA brought the younger people that want more technical trails, etc.
- Would like to do a better job of partnering with orgs with a narrower focus and constituency. Strategic alliances with other groups are important!
- Darlene – question for Jim. Have we explored a structure like the TUG? Trails user group. It's a different model since they're looking at the whole forest.
- Jim – my experience has been limited.
- Kit - it is a meeting of trails user groups and they tell what each other is doing. No planning element, no trail building, etc. Very different goals.
- Darlene – There is some building of relationships and bringing issues to the table for group discussion.
- Monte – i have experience there. Groups lend themselves to the landsdape around them. STA was really formed around the FS. lands b/c that's what surrounds Sisters.

Chuck left the meeting.
Discussion:

- Lot of turfiness came up btwn COTA and STA.
- Rika – The Deschutes Trails Coalition (DTC) is a different model. Makeup is kinda similar to this group in that there are representatives from all sorts of groups. Includes motorized too. Have structured themselves by inviting organizations to become partner organizations. The member organization's mission has to align with the DTC mission. That's how you become a partner. From that, the structure is that they will have 2-year seats on a steering committee with a fixed membership. Variety of subcommittees on which participation is open to a wider array of partners. We're setting up something that brings those partners together and brings a shared vision forward. Bit of a collective impact model/shared vision. Took 1.5 years to land on this structure. Next meeting will be the first with the new partners.
- Monte – that's 2 conversations – 1) STA or COTA are a trails group so you'll find consensus among people that you already agree with. Now you're moving in the direction of working with the community and others.
- Rika – the DTC is fiscally sponsored by DYF. Reason is that we were involved from the beginning and have a fairly neutral view on trails; not aligned with user groups or enviro issues.
- Rika has largely been fundraising for them. They will do some of it in the future.
- What are they raising the funds for? Hired a PT facilitator staffperson to make sure their process keeps moving forward. Money started coming in before they knew what to do with it. Put out an RFP for $60k trails projects on the Deschutes (money came from local businesses). Do have a strategic plan – take that and put it into a work plan, assign to different committees, etc.

- Monte – there can be a go slow to go fast process. There's going to be groups or individuals who are really excited in favor or in opposition. That process can get those groups all together in one room and refine that. Develop the collaborative piece. Gives you an early heads up on values and interests.
- More agencies you add to the mix, the more slowdowns you will have.
- Make sure to specify that we're talking about a comprehensive trails plan for the **ONF.**
- Kit – historically we started as a mediation group – working on the Lookout Mtn. issues. Very first meeting was conflict over bikes and horses on trails. Started with the FS and Chamber.
- Shane asked Rika to come here today. Fully supportive of what they're doing and it aligns with their mission. Can provide support and some administrative flexibility.
- Scott asked the group if they believed that they needed some sort of facilitation and staff support. Unanimous yes. Will be more details after the community meeting.

- September 20 Community Meeting (20 mins)
  o Debrief from Planning Committee

Decided that the time is from 6-8. Have the room starting at 5. Not serving any food or anything. Will function as an open house – grab people's info as they come in. Register and open it up. Preferably 2 people at each map. Explain what is going on.

Gather info in a variety of ways.

Kim couldn't come but had this vision of people arriving at 6 and then at 6:30 have a quick presentation. That's hard to know when to do that b/c who knows when people are going to come. Did talk about having talking points. Took notes at the other meeting and sent to Kim. Kim sent those talking points.

Also sent a flyer.

Final thing is that we talked about marketing this. Where are we marketing this to get people to come? A: Backcountry horse people, Cork the running club, COTA, Central OR Nordic club, OFRC, County natural resource committee via Tim Deboodt, newspaper.

Some discussion about a local guy… Chuckaroo the buckaroo… gave a lot of misinformation that this was an effort to take away equestrian access – starting to gear up the crowd

Jim will change all maps to say "multi-use" trails.

Gather information/feedback:
- Comment cards
- Set up a gmail account – distribute that for folks that want to provide input outside the event.

Everyone should have badges – "ask me".

Kim created some talking points – please provide Kit with any edits.
The group decided to create a .ppt with 12-14 slides with bullet points – welcome, who we are, why we are here, who is involved?, what the ask is today. And create a handout based on this, with the email account as well.

**The group decided to ask Kim to build the .ppt. and handout.

Group members that are attending:
- Sarah, Darlene, Travis -- mtn bikes
- Kim?, Duane, Stan -- equestrian
- Mary will do registration table
- Ruth and Darlene can float
- Dennis
- Everyone else come and pitch in as needed

Do an introduction that strongly reiterates that this is a multi-user group thing. Do this at the registration table. 2-3 sentence spiel.

Who is putting this on? The OTSG which is a group of community members.

Jim – trail in Bridge Creek Wilderness should be removed from the list b/c it goes against the Forest Plan. Trails to Upper falls and Lower falls should be removed b/c its on private land.

**Scott to send the trails attributes document to Travis for him to help complete it.

What maps are going to be on the wall? We have some maps that show multi-use trails and some that show who the maps were designed for.
- Existing maps
- What is being proposed by each group – with header saying that all trails are being proposed as multi-use
So this means we will have the mtn bikers in one area and the equestrians in another etc.

**Dino Borghi – all the mapping is a gift from him. Let's recognize him and give him a card.

Everyone to show up at 5.
Have info on all the different trail user groups. Pamphlets etc. to distribute.

Sign-in sheet should ask their name, ID their primary interest, contact info.

Make sure that we note that there is no proposal for bikes in the wilderness.

Stan – maintain the mindset that we are trying to get input.

Talking points – note that this is a friendly, amicable environment for discussion. No tolerance for ugly behavior.

Inviting Casey to come.

Law enforcement walkthrough to manage disruptive people?

*Kit, Kim D, Jim, Ruth and Duane and Scott will meet to talk about facilitation etc. between the 20th and before the next meeting.

*Kim will reach out to sheriff's dept. to see about a walkthrough.

- Mountain Biking group membership
B_Work Plan
C_Save the Date Email

12:20 – 1:00   Mapping
- Review Updated GIS maps/Google Earth
- Complete mapping concepts and update Trail Attributes Table
D_Trail Attributes

1:00 – 1:15p   Next Meeting and Next Steps

Equestrian Trail Proposals = Red

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Trail 1 – Bingham to Whistler	Same as hiker Box 1 hiker trail. From Bingham Springs, would make sense to go north to Old Spur and connect east to 404 road – this alternative is mapped.
Trail 2 – White Rock to Wildcat	Same as hiker 3 Alternative routing mapped in the White Rock/Wildcat area. Real issue is to create a loop – actual alignment doesn't matter.
Trail 3 – Dry Creek Add-ons	Series of small loops off the Giddyup and Go Trail. Just to add more mileage, vistas and diversity. Stacked loop formation.
Trail 4 Dry Creek – Brennan Connector	Connector trail from Dry Creek Horse Camp to Brennan Palisades. Also mapped a potential loop on mostly FS roads (across the legend).
Trail 5 – Lookout Mtn/North Point	Section of Lookout Mtn. Trail that includes North Point. Want to make that section closed to Mtn. Bikers. Proposed an alternative bike trail (laid out by bikers on their maps). Also is an area high in vistas and many types of wildflowers that should be traveled slowly for aesthetics and safety. *Note: Still need to work this out among the equestrian and bike users. Probably needs to go out there together with someone that knows how to build trails. Part of a field tour?*
Trail 6 – Endurance Trails	Large complex of trails currently used for the Bandit Springs Endurance Ride. Just need to be signed and made into official trails. Many trails. (Note: Proposed OHV trails cut right through this area. We believe that there is a need for slow travel through here.) Note: *The FS at one point had this mapped.*
Trail 7 – Allen Creek Horse Camp	Allen Creek Horse Camp area. Unable to complete proposal b/c of lack of knowledge of the area, but there's a very nice horse camp and there should be some trails there. Might also lend itself to open country travel – not necessarily a developed trail.
Trail 8 – West Fork of Mill Creek/Squirrel Ridge	West Fork of Mill Creek/Squirrel Ridge. Loops, almost entirely on Forest roads. Give us pretty forest and meadows, close to Wildcat so can use that trailhead to access them.
Trail 9 – Miner's Gulch Loop	Starting at JB Corrals on 33 Road, goes up Miner's Gulch to the mine, then two loops – one toward Harvey Gap and one shorter loop. Easy day ride from town. Good town access, good parking. 16-17 miles from town. Want to take them past the mine shaft. Almost all on decommissioned Forest Roads.

Trail 10 – Hash Rock Loop	Close to town, open Ponderosa Pine forest and vistas from old Hash Rock lookout. Start at Whiskey Pit; adequate parking there.

Hiker = Green

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Trail 1 Hikers and equestrians	Connector between Twin Pillars trailhead and Wildcat Trailheads. Outside the wilderness to make it easy to maintain to use chainsaws, paralleling rd. 27. Connects those to make a longer loop option for backpackers and horse people and runners. Safety benefits. Runners, hikers, backpackers and hunters are using it. Twin Pillars is relatively heavily used and Belknap is relatively heavily used – will disperse usage as it increases.
Trail 2 Hikers mainly, could be equestrians (but seems unlikely)	Whole new trail. Potlid trail area… Not a good out and back currently, so this makes a loop out of it. Gorgeous views over into the John Day Canyon. Goes a little funky to follow the existing roads. New loop. Looking North.
Trail 3 Hikers and equestrians	Connecting White Rock campground back down to Wildcat campground. Outside the wilderness area so it's easily cleared. Completes a loop. Gorgeous area. Twin Pillars is relatively heavily used and Belknap is relatively heavily used – will disperse usage as it increases.
Box 1 trail 4 – connecting trail 1 to 2	Connector to open up more opportunities. Opens up more usage – not used much now.
Trail 5	Totally new trail. Very rough outline in the Bridge Creek Wilderness. Listed as a roadless, trackless wilderness except that there are many people going in there hiking along the creek, destroying habitat. They are also hiking on steep cliffs and shale slopes. Put in a real trail. But if there is going to be an increase in use and lots of S&R, then we should focus that use.
WALTON LAKE AREA PLACEHOLDER	No official trails there.
South of Big Summit Prairie placeholder	Would be easy to put in trails to waterfalls
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Wolf and South Prong trailheads
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Boeing and Rock Creek trailheads (either side of creek OK)

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Mascal and Rock Creek TH

Bike Trail Proposals

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Boxes 3, 4, A, B, and C	
Trail 1	Connectivity between Lookout and Round Mountain to get people off the main road. Connectivity between two major trails. Safety = get people off major paved road. Safety is main emphasis but also the longer ride. About 60% is existing, closed road, which seemed to be the best way to avoid the riparian and avoid opening up previously undisturbed area. Also avoids some steeper areas.
Trail 2	Creating an extra loop and connectivity on LM. High use area. Doesn't address the pinch points
Maury Map:	
Trail 1	Reestablish Hammer Creek Trail – existing mtn biking trail just needs maintenance. Same line on the map as before. Great trail b/c it's already a loop.
Box 5 Map:	
Trail 1	New trail connecting Barnhouse Campground to Keeton Trailhead. Creates a larger loop with many loops inside (feeder trails). Part of the destination idea – way away from town but people can camp in the area and spend time exploring trails. Would help bring people away from LM. Nice high alpine meadows/mixed environments.
Trail 2	Part of it is on this map, remainder is not mapped b/c it isn't on the base map. Goal is to create a really big loop. All day epic-style ride incorporating great vistas including Spanish Peak. **Sean will take the larger Black Canyon wilderness map home and map this.**
Box 1 and 2 Map:	
Ignore the line in Box 2	
Trail 1	Connectivity – see Jim Beaupres on this trail (Sarah and Sean weren't sure). Connectivity of Cougar Creek and Potlid.
Trail 2	*Same area as one of the equestrian trails* Creates a connectivity loop between the top and bottom of Potlid and the top and bottom of Scotty Creek. Incorporates historic trails and views along the way. Most is decommissioned roads. Bruce Williams has GPS for a lot of this.

Trail 3	Connection from Cougar Creek to Bandit Springs area. Existing facilities at Bandit Springs. Make it more of an official trailhead rather than having the sketchy turn off Hwy 26 to access current trailhead. Would be good for hikers and xcountry skiers too.
Trail 4	Bandit Springs. Utilizing some winter trails for summer use. Family-friendly loops right off the highway. Already some existing summer use.
Walton-Bandit Loop	Long XC loop connecting Walton Lake to Bandit Springs. By creating this connection users are able to camp at one location (Walton Lake) and access Round Mountain, Lookout Mountain, and Bandit Springs (and therefore Cougar Creek) all via single track. The Walton-Bandit loop itself would create an approximately 20-30 mile XC trail ride, with less elevation gain and of easier difficulty than the Round-Lookout Loop.
Scotty Creek - Cougar Creek Trail Complex	This trail network would be concentrated around the Scotty Creek and Cougar Creek basin. Already existing trails, shared trailhead, easy (if not close-to-town) road access, a large amount of potential expandable terrain, large vertical relief, and less user group conflict make this an ideal area for a modern trail network. The concept of this network are a series of primarily downhill directional MTB trails which begin and end at the same trailhead (or close to it). Each downhill trail would present a specific riding style and difficulty, ie. Easy, Intermediate, Difficult, Very Difficult, & Technical or Flow (typically refers to jump trails, so the emphasis in the Ochocos is on technical natural terrain). Additionally there would be a primary climbing trail to create potential for long loops without shuttling or riding gravel roads. Taken as a whole it presents a progressive, concentrated trail network. Bandit Trails would also effectively be considered part of this complex due to their proximity and connectivity to Cougar Creek
Note: Trail descriptions below are only an example of how this may be laid out. On-the-ground planning would be required to adequately determine the specific difficulty and style of each trail based on the terrain and most trails would not be strictly flow or tech but would emphasize one or the other. Typically trail networks which exist further from urban populations tend towards a higher level of difficulty, since those are the riders more likely to make the effort to visit them. This is reflected below.	
Scotty Creek (existing trail for reference in how it fits in the plan)	Intermediate (blue) DH trail. Somewhat steep but non-technical. Minimal re-routes would convert this to an beginner (green) DH with intermediate optional lines

Grant Plunge	**Very Difficult(double black), technical DH trail, splits off from Upper Scotty down the very steep ridge to the east.**
Scotty Spine	Difficult (Black), technical DH.
Scotty Climb Trail	Uphill route and Beginner (Green) DH route. Flow. Option to convert this to uphill-only traffic if increased traffic calls for that in the future.
Off the Rails	Difficult Tech DH, **alternate Double Black options**
Cougar Direct	Intermediate (blue) Tech DH
Grant creek	Intermediate (blue) Flow DH

Potlid Trail Complex	This trail network would be concentrated around the Potlid Trail area. To a lesser degree the Potlid area shares many attractive attributes to Scotty Creek - existing trail, shared trailhead, easy (if not close-to-town) road access, a large amount of potential expandable terrain, large vertical relief. The concept of this network is the same as Scotty Cougar area - a series of primarily downhill directional MTB trails which begin and end at the same trailhead. Each downhill trail would present a specific riding style and difficulty, ie. Easy, Intermediate, Difficult, Very Difficult, & Technical or Flow (typically refers to jump trails, so the emphasis in the Ochocos is on technical natural terrain). Additionally there would be a primary climbing trail to create potential for long loops without shuttling or riding gravel roads. Taken as a whole it presents a progressive, concentrated trail network.
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Potlid Climb Trail	Uphill route and Beginner (Green) DH route. Flow. Option to convert this to uphill-only traffic if increased traffic calls for that in the future.
Oven Mitt	Intermediate (blue) Flow DH
Double Boiler	**Very Difficult(double black), technical DH trail**
Pie Pan	Difficult (Black), technical DH.

Ramekin	Difficult (Black), technical DH.
Slap Chop	Intermediate (blue) Tech DH

Potlid Trail Complex	This trail network would be concentrated around the Lemon Creekarea. While lacking existing trails, lemon Creek presents a fantastic option for a trail network due to proximity to Prineville, shuttleable access road, large amount of vertical relief, scenery and variable terrain. The concept of this network is the same as the other areas - a series of primarily downhill directional MTB trails which begin and end at the same trailhead. Each downhill trail would present a specific riding style and difficulty, ie. Easy, Intermediate, Difficult, Very Difficult, & Technical or Flow (typically refers to jump trails, so the emphasis in the Ochocos is on technical natural terrain). Additionally there would be a primary climbing trail to create potential for long loops without shuttling or riding gravel roads. Taken as a whole it presents a progressive, concentrated trail network.
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Lemon Ridge	Intermediate(Blue) Blue DH. Natural Tech w/ some flow
Lemon Climb Trail	Uphill route and Beginner (Green) DH route. Flow. Option to convert this to uphill-only traffic if increased traffic calls for that in the future.
Squirrel Ridge	Intermediate (blue) Tech DH
Lemon drop	**Very Difficult(double black), technical DH trail**
Pucker Face	Difficult (Black), technical DH.
Orange Peel	Difficult (Black), technical DH.
Lemon Creek	Intermediate (blue) Tech DH
Adaptive MTB Trail	For any of the above Trail networks, we would like to integrate one trail that can serve Adaptive Mountain Bikes. These are typically 3 or 4 wheel sit-on-top bikes. Adaptive trails require special design considerations, but shuttleable downhill terrain (or a chairlift in most current examples) is a huge factor. A good example of an aMTB trail can be seen here: https://youtu.be/WbIsmHZzyb8

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Ochoco National Forest Non-Motorized Trails Community Open House

Thursday, September 20, 2018

6:00pm-8:00pm

Crook County Library

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Ochoco Trail Strategy Group

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Subject: Ochoco Trails Strategy Group - Community Meeting

Ochoco National Forest Non-Motorized Trails Community Open House

Thursday, September 20, 2018

6:00pm-8:00pm

Crook County Library

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Proposed Trails

Type
- Equestrian
- Multi-Use

Existing Trails – Designed and Managed for:
- ATV - ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE
- BICYCLE
- HIKER/PEDESTRIAN
- PACK AND SADDLE

Roads
- 5 - HIGH DEGREE OF USER COMFORT
- 4 - MODERATE DEGREE OF USER COMFORT
- 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS
- 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES

Ownership
- U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- National Park Service
- Other Federal Land
- State Land
- Other Land, Including Private
- Wilderness

Miles
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Mountain Bike Proposal
- Mountain Bike Trail

From:	Nelson, Rika - FS
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Cc:	Chuck Humphreys
Subject:	RE: OTSG 9/4 meeting (proposed) agenda and materials

Hi Everyone,

I made the facebook event page for the Community Meeting, please share!

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Hello OTSG,

Attached for your review is a proposed agenda and materials for your meeting next Tuesday September 4.

I put a good deal of time into the question of "what's next for OTSG?" since we have Chuck Humphreys from Sisters Trail Alliance coming, and we also just missed a grant opportunity. So it would be good to spend some time so that you're ready for the next funding opportunity, if you choose to pursue funding of course.

Scott

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SEPT 20, 2018 COMMUNITY MEETING COMMENTS

Hemsley, (b)(6)
- Trails should be outside HMA's.
- Please separate bike and equestrian trails where safety is an issue – that would be areas where there is not visibility and no room to move off trails.
- Lots of signage and public training regarding user groups using multi-use trails and right of way.

Anne Wolff (b)(6)
- Anything to keep the "all users with improved safety" conversation moving forward
- Acknowledge the need for "fast" versus "slow" traffic on trails
- Proponent of horse trails out of Allen Creek HC – help disburse HC use
- I encourage "bike only" use with new trails designed to give bikers the thrills they want – make 'em way more awesome than nearby horse trails
- Don't mind sharing horse trails with hikers ever – it's about speed

No name given
- ATV's do not belong in the Ochoco's period
- Mountain bike trails should be limited and not combined with hiker or equestrian

Jon Conway, (b)(6)
- I would like to see Lemon Creek developed for mountain biking
- I would also like to keep mountain bikes on existing trails on the summit of Lookout Mountain

Joe Hudspeth (b)(6)
- The Round Mountain trail cannot be designated as a multiple use trail. The trail is situated in the middle of the Big Summit Wild Horse Territory. Bicycles on this trail in the presence of wild horses would be tantamount to harassment. Totally unnecessary to place human or wild horses at risk in that manner.

Cathryn Hardman (b)(6)
- Good gathering!
- Multi-use as much as possible.
- Volunteer with 10+ years' experience trail advisory committee NPS/California State Parks

Can't make out Name
- Would love to have Squirrel Ridge and connecting trails to flow together for an awesome trail system
- Lemon Creek

Amber Toomey
➢ Squirrel Ridge area would consolidate trails creating a trail system that has several options adjacent to each other
➢ Lemon Creek

Dave E------
➢ NO!

No Name Given
➢ I think the Forest Service is doing a great job accommodating everyone's opinion. I ride Lookout Mountain weekly and have never had a negative encounter. I do however think the upper portion of Lookout Mt. is a challenging place that I have never seen a horse on and think it should be left as is. I worked on the construction of Scotty and refurbishing of Cougar and later this spring Potlid. I think that development in the Potlid area would be wise.

Aaron Lazelle (b)(6)
➢ The top sections of Lookout Mountain are very desirable for mt. bikers, especially the more technicle parts. Having Mt. trail networks that are more concentrated is helpful. I also like the seperation between horses and bike areas. A trail network that used Scotty and Cougar would to ideal.

Earl Petrusse (b)(6)
➢ I'm not in favor of trails of any kind in the Ochoco Mts. Leave the roads there, open the roads that are closed, no trails where the wild horses are. Absolutely no trails on or through mining claims. Keep the roads open and use them, don't destroy areas that have wild horses.

James Good (b)(6)
➢ Connection trails from Bandit Springs and Cougar Trail. Networks to Round Mountain and Lookout Mountain.
➢ Connection trails from Potlid to Scotty and Cougar Trails.
➢ Mtn. Bikers love the technical upper section of Lookout Mountain. A re-route should not cut mtn. bikes out. A re-route may be necessary but quite possibly equestrians cold find a more mellow re-route off the top of Lookout Mtn.

Brennan Morrow (b)(6)
➢ We need MORE Hiking and Biking Trails. Also need a strong multi-user plan for the Grasslands and the Madras Area.

Don Hammond (b)(6)
➢ Make the Forest service Leave our Roads alone, open the ones they have ilegaly closed, and there would Be Room and Roads to accomidate every one. We do not want to End up like

Deshutes county is. Thank you (or Bend). NO Trails (of any kind) in the Ochoco Forest Especialy in Wild Horse Areas.

Hemsley (b)(6)
➢ I like the idea of making loop trails by historically horse-user camp areas, i.e. Allen Camp HC, Bandit Springs/Corral Flats, Black Canyon HC.

Colin Padden (b)(6)
I don't like the idea of a re-route for cyclists on upper lookout Mt. That's a classic section on some of the best single track anywhere. I haven't seen any conflict or issues in that area.

Stephen Henderson (b)(6)
➢ I'd like to see the bandit Springs Ski Trails allowed to be cleared and improved for mtn bikes and hking use. There are very accessible and would make a great recreation opportunity.

No name or contact
➢ In general creating loops between trail heads, rather than existing ou-and-back trails from same trail head) is a good idea
➢ Speeding bikes going downhill don't mix well with equestrians (I know you know this) and bikers may not really need scenic views
➢ Proposed trail density on western most portion on the forest is TOO DENSE

Bethany Holman (b)(6)
➢ I think it's a great to have multi-use trails with a predominant user group that is advertised – for both mountain biking and equestrian/hikers.
➢ Lemon Creek area would be excellent for many mountain bike trails in a consolidated area.
➢ The rocky terrain, technical top ot Lookout Mountain is the best part for bike riding.

Teresa Rodriguez (b)(6)
➢ Leave the trail system and congestion to Deshutes County. They have the market on trail systems.
➢ Users of the Ochoco want to keep the Ochoco a beautiful, lightly used forest where those who respect the forest don't need trails. If you build it, they will come. The Ochocos are a hidden gem where we are in a position to invite the demographic we want to see up there. For example: If someone only visits the Ochocos because of trails we (the forest) does not need that traffic
➢ I hear the argument that "they" are in the Ochoco's anyway. Then why built trails? There are obvious places they enjoy visiting in the Ochocos and if this forest doesn't have the amenities they are looking for they will find a forest that does.

J Swanstrum
➢ I support the continued building of mt bike trails by mountain bikers on the Ochoco NF. I believe Lookout Mtn, Round, Cougar will continue tobe maintain and improved through

volunteer mt bike labor and will remain multi-use, non-motorized. Continued development of trail connectivity is important ad MUST include bike linked trails from Bandit Springs to Cougar and on over to Lookout, Round and Walton Lake. In addition the Scotty and Lemon Creek access should continue to be developed by mtn bike volunteer labor and expand biking opportunities on the Ochoco NF. In addition I believe the Forest should develop connectivity in their road system with bikes in mind. Gravel routes in the Ochocos could well be the draw to this area.

Ochoco Trail Strategy Group Community Meeting - 9/20/2018

Favorite Proposed Trail Dot Exercise Results

Multi-Use Proposals

8 – Lookout Mt Ridge User Separation

5 – Bandit Springs Winter to Summer Conversion

4 – Wildcat to White Rock Connection

3 – East Cougar TH to Wildwood Connection

3 – Keeton to Barnhouse Connection to Create Loop (2 dots on existing, assuming they meant to put on proposed)

3 – Ochoco Mt West to Cottonwood for Ochoco Mountain Loop (2 dots on existing, assuming they meant to put on proposed)

2- Dry Creek to Brennan Palisades Connection

2 – Harvey Gap Loops

2 – Black Canyon West to Mud Springs Connection

2 – Bingham Springs to Whistler Connection

2 – North Potlid to North Scotty Creek Connection

1 – Hash Rock Loop

1 – Additional Giddy Up Go Loop

1 – Hammer Creek Reconstruction

Equestrian/Hike Proposals

10 – Bandit Springs Endurance Ride System

8 – Allen Creek System

MTB/Hike Proposals

24 – Scotty Creek System

21 – Lemon Creek System

4 – Walton/Round Loop

2 – Potlid System

1 – Harvey Gap System

Random Dots

3 – Existing Lower Lookout Mtn Trail

3 – Existing Walton Lake Loop

1 – Existing Green Mtn OHV Trail

September 20, 2018 Ochoco Trails Strategy Group Community Meeting

Ochoco Trails and member groups worked to notify the public of 9/20/18 a community open house and invite them to join the planning efforts for non-motorized trails on the Ochoco National Forest. Flyers were created and distributed by individuals through their own networks via email and on social media (see for example, Figures 1-5).

Figure 1. Image of Ochoco National Forest's September 11, 2018 email notification of Community Meeting via GovDelivery
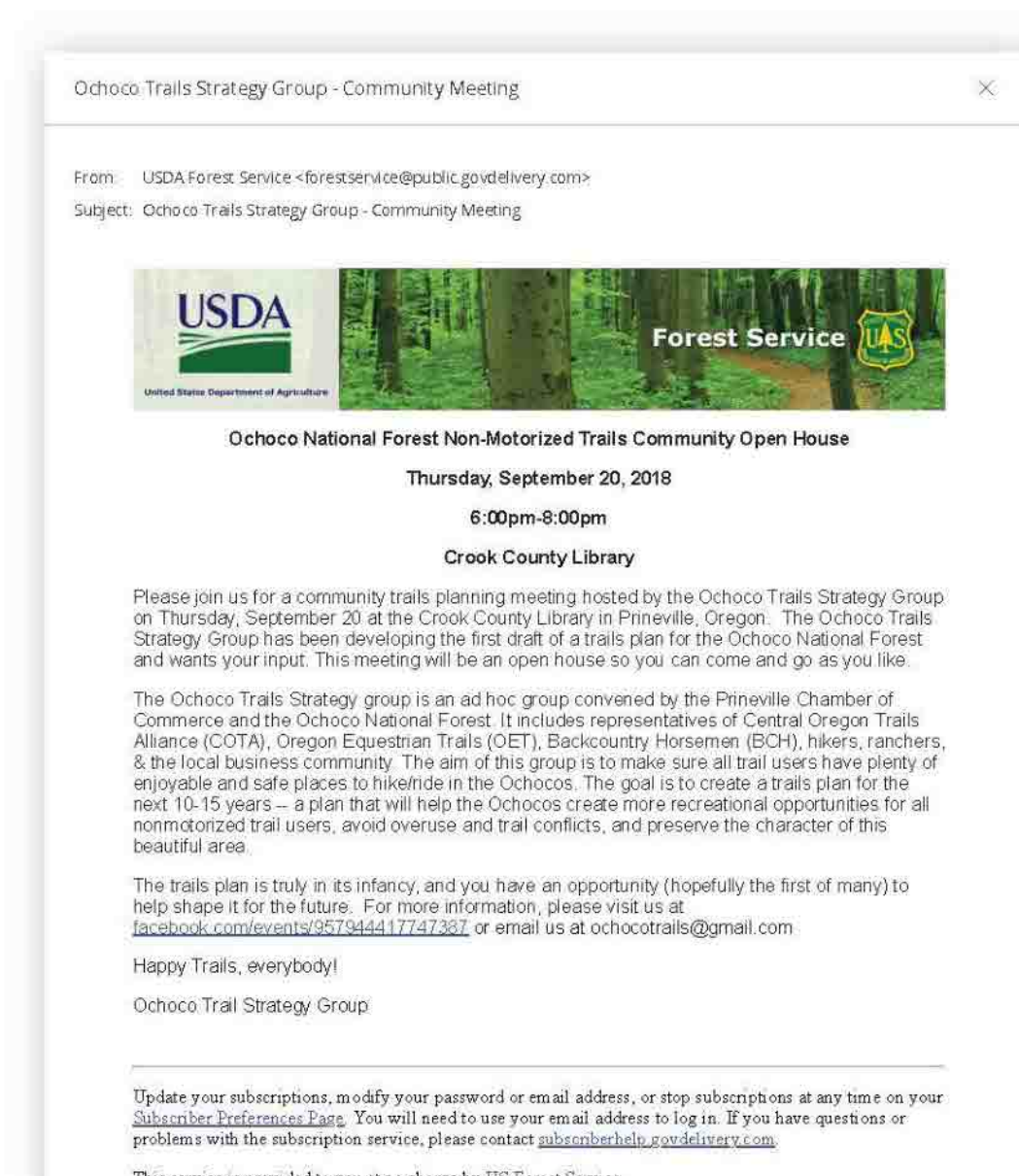
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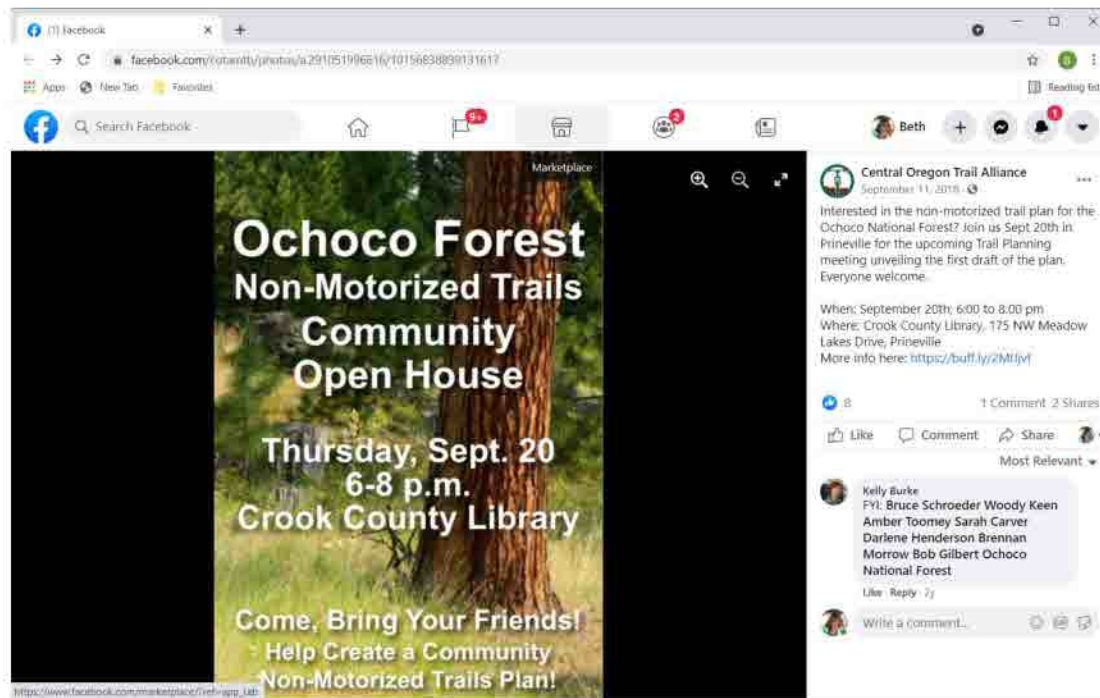
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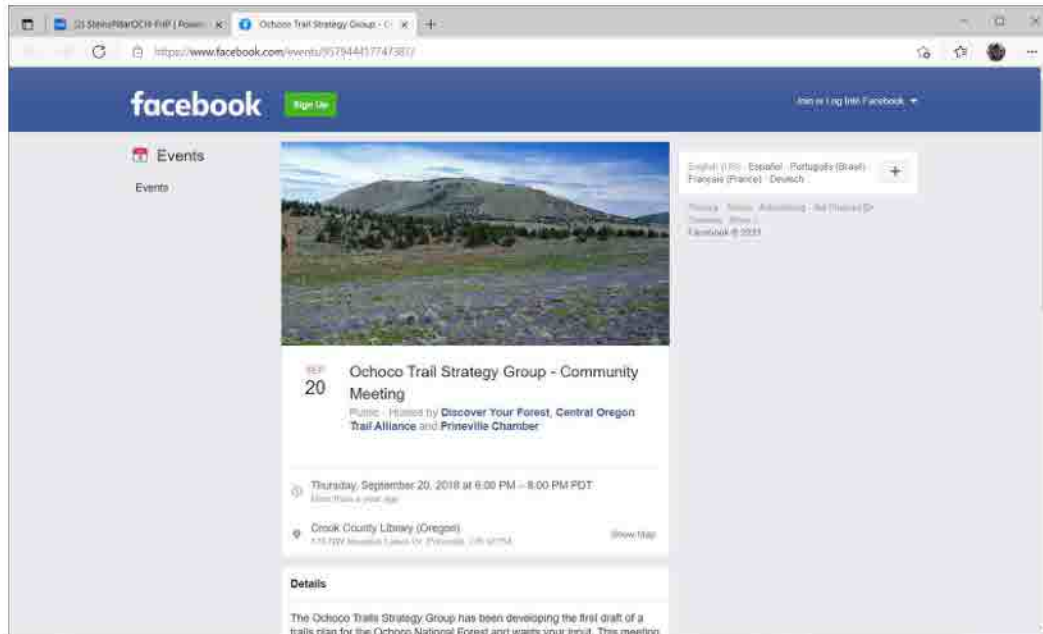
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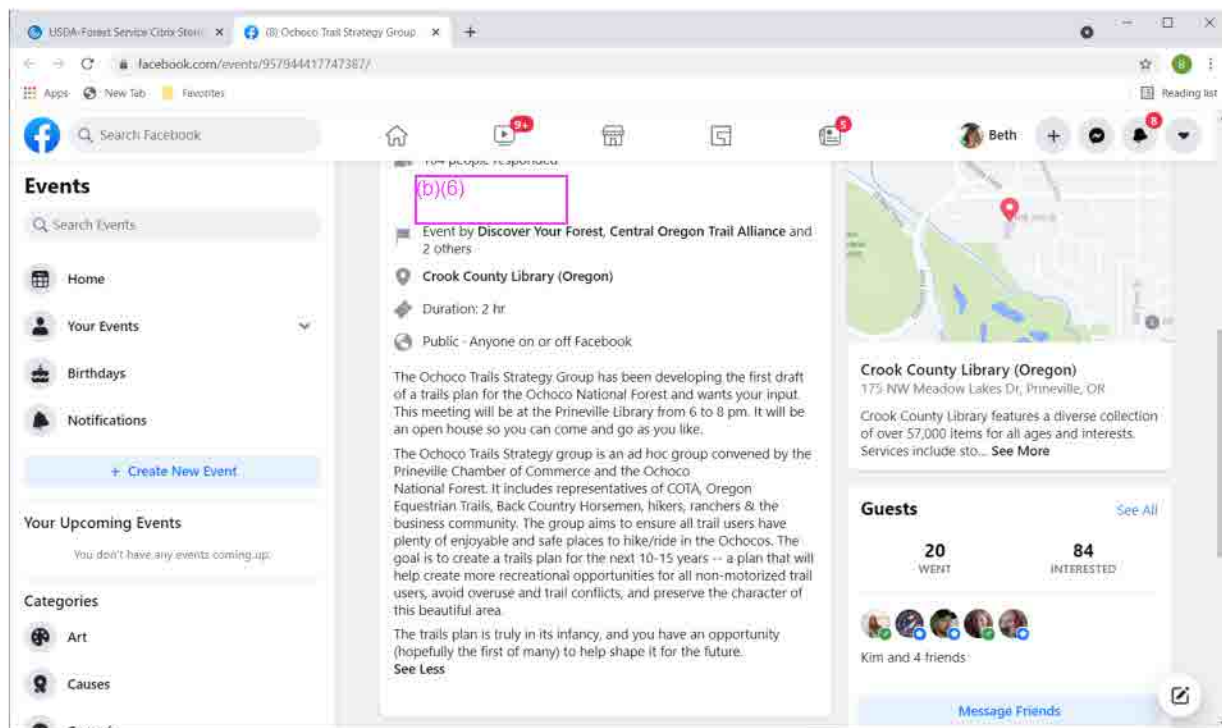
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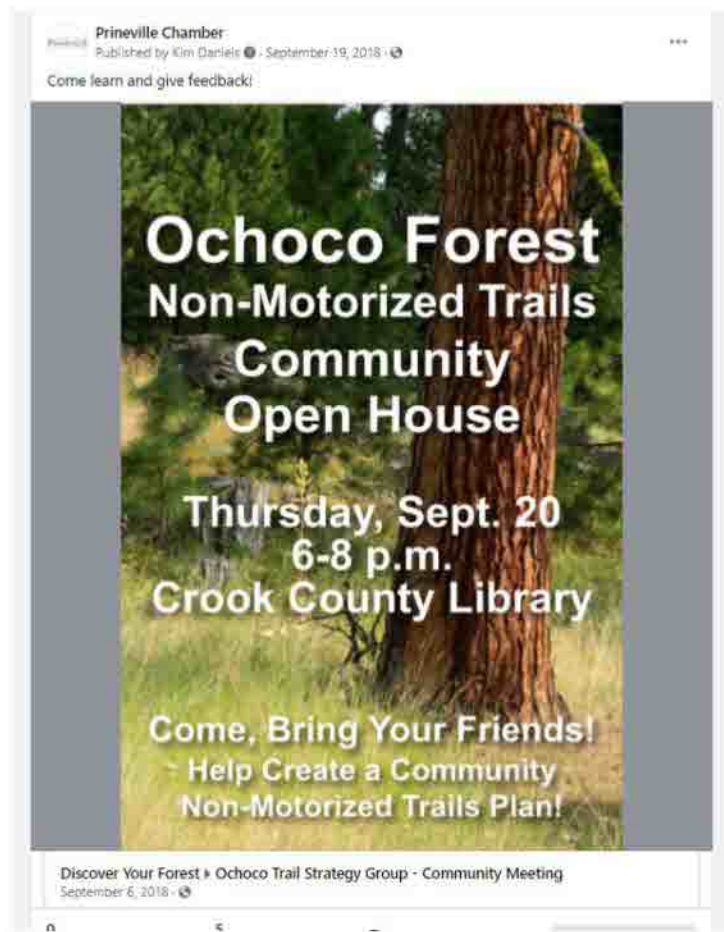
Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

November 6, 2018   11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce
185 NE 10th St, Prineville, OR

Me, Kit, Kim M, Jamie Dawson, OR Wild; Amy lowe, Travis, Duane and Ruth, Stan, Sarah, Kim D, Mary Beyer, Rika, Darlene

Agenda

11:15 – 11:20a   Introductions

11:20-11:35   Catch-Up: Review Outcomes of October 2 Meeting
                     -    Outcomes and Action Items

Spent time going over the outcomes of the Sept. 20 community meeting, including comments, dots, emails received, and potential new members. Under the heading of new members – any updates?

> Karl Findling from OHA appears to want to join
> Michael O'Casey from Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership -- seems to want to be informed at this point
> Unsure if Monty made connection with Sara Gregory

Also discussed how Jim Beaupre, Gary, Buck, and Stan all went up to Lookout Mtn. and scoped out a new (actually a prior trail alignment) for equestrian use to avoid the use conflict on a steep section.

Also talked about how this proposal might best be finalized in a matrix format – e.g. showing how the different proposals rate on different criteria – e.g. highest priority for the group, ease of implementation by FS, etc.

Also discussed how the FS will likely analyze a final trails package all at once rather than one at a time.

Lot of discussion about making sure to get this to the FS so that it can be part of the Program of Work discussions in January.

Spent time on the funding/staffing conversation and returning to that today.

- New members?
- Email feedback received since 10/2

A_Notes
B_Email report

We received a couple more emails – generally supportive, no details.

11:35 – 12:00p   Future of OTSG: Funding
- Outcomes of October 10 meeting
- Updates

C_Notes

The subcommittee wanted to keep Scott/COIC engaged, and wanted to focus funding on facilitation and getting a Strategic Plan together. Then, came up with ideas. Here are some updates:

- Received $1,600 from the Chamber!!
- NFF – the Conservation program isn't a good fit but Scott is meeting with Rika tomorrow on another grant – possible partnership with the DTC (but not sure it will cover facilitation?)

NFF Matching Awards Program – Rika has been thinking about the map and coming up with a joint application for both the DTC and the OTSG and getting NFF to fund both. Deschutes could provide more of the match b/c they have the $ to fund it.

If we moved forward on the Deschutes side with a bigger ask for the Deschutes but some facilitation on the OTSG. Could make it work we could offer up enough of a mix of outcomes.

Duane – going to make an application to Backcountry Horseman of Oregon.

Travel OR – that one will come back around next year. Trail building and trail designation is right up their alley.

NFF would fund NEPA – maybe? Let's consider getting funding for phase 1 of facilitation etc. And then go back for phase 2.

- TFFF – have set up a call with them the morning of Dec. 5 – really need some OTSG members to call in – particularly those that participate in their leadership training program (Mary Beyer and Darlene)

- R6 – no-go to this point. But, Rika is hustling them on some other stuff so she's not going to let them off the hook.

What are we bringing to the table for match?

- Crook County Foundation – Duane made contact – they don't have funds available for this.
- FB Foundation:

Cycle just opened Oct. 31; goes to Dec. 7. Darlene sent out the stuff that that grant would require. Will need to be "creative" to secure. Need an annual budget; community need; lots of tech/online stuff; additional funding sources; budget; affiliations; plans for sustaining the project. Need a FB page. If we are going to be affiliated with DYF, could be through their page. DTC has their own FB page; can just start one up. Needs to be tied to an individual FB personal account. "Tech" requirement in the grant may just be things like using the FB page; using Strava to track trails; post the map proposal; etc.

Funding to pay for a facilitator? Or offset the NEPA studies so that it moves faster with the FS.

If we can use FB for NEPA we should b/c it's really hard to get it.

COTA was funded by FB. Do they have a contact to work with? COTA has written them for trails/recreation opportunities.

Kit – we've had someone go to FB for NEPA and been shut down.

Probably should ask the local person if NEPA would be something they would support.

**Darlene will follow up with the local person.

Need to know how much to ask for. Need to know when they would do the NEPA, etc. So needs some conversation with the USFS.

Contract work for the prep work/field season to do all the surveys needed.

May need to be some scoping first before we can apply for the grant? Maybe apply in the next cycle.

Duane – jumping the cart before the horse here. Need a full proposal and a strategic plan.

**Scott will use the gmail account to set up the FB page.

**Scott to send out dates/times for a follow-up funding committee call.

May need to find a new meeting place. If we get bigger.

Darlene – i have January on my mind and we should have the proposal to the FS next month in order to get in to the program of work.

Kit – there's an intermediate step. We do have lines on the map, but the way we wrote this proposal is just the lines on the map. But once they start working on it will be an ongoing conversation in terms of priorities, etc.

Scale of FB grants? Not exactly sure.

Things might be a little different on the Deschutes than the Ochoco. The ONF will likely start the process.

Rika – going to a foundation and asking for money towards an expense that you don't know how much it's going to be… needs to be a more succinct/specific ask. Proposal should be tied to a specific need.

Rika – as a fiscal agent they are required to be the reporting entity on this. Some discomfort asking for money from a foundation and we don't really know what we want.

Stan – let's go for funding for the next 6 months. Rika – this makes more sense to me.

Kim – can we go to OET to get some bridge funding.

Darlene is willing to take a stab at the FB piece.

**Scott to create a timeline/chart showing grants, timelines, tasks, etc.

Don't forget all the inkind contributions around the table + DYF, etc.

Call a follow-up funding committee meeting

**Duane will pursue a Backcountry Horseman Grant.

12:00 – 1:10	Comprehensive Non-Motorized Trail Network Proposal
	- Outcomes of Core Habitat/Elk Security Map meeting
	Kit, Travis, Amy

We don't necessarily need to fully integrate the core habitat but can do some removals of a few trails to reflect that value.

- What additional input/information is needed to complete the Proposal?
- Map/trail updates?

Bikers already updated their table. They are going to remove the proposed trails in the Maurys but leave the rest.

Equestrian folks will check over their part of the table also before the next meeting.

Kim – need to stay realistic on the timeframe for this. Don't put an end date on this. Let's not presume a timeframe.

D_Work Plan
- Crooked River Grasslands Opportunity
E_Crooked River Grasslands email

No opportunities for equestrians in the state park. Skull Hollow is not far. Can ride from Skull Hollow to Smith Rock to Grey Butte. It isn't a good trail b/c of tight passage. There are other routes to get you to Smith Rock State Park. Would be a great thing.

Some people in the community already have an idea on where this might go.

COTA is working on a trails proposal for the grasslands. Local madras chapter is already building trails on city land and butts up against the grasslands.

So, need to integrate all of these proposals into the OTSG proposal.

Context = Smith Rock State Park Master Plan process happening now + a bunch of work on the part of the NF about the Skull Hollow plan.

Can we see what the Skull Hollow conversations are at this point? Skull Hollow is the highest use recreation site on the forest.

We need to be at the table for this.

Equestrian group will propose a trail from Skull Hollow to the park (but not into it) and back.

Duane – what can we do to ease future overuse/congestion.

Cyrus Horse Camp?

**This doesn't need to be integrated into the proposal we deliver in december.

** We will start this in January. Add the grasslands to the mix.

**3 parts of the broad SOW:
- Strategic Plan;
- Shepherd the proposal forward (including NEPA etc.);
- Take on a Grasslands proposal (by April).

Ongoing public engagement?

**Write community engagement into grant apps fairly broadly under the heading of advocacy for the proposal. Also, developing volunteer pool and funding for maintenance and management.

Duane – we should be advocating for funding for the forest at the R6 and DC levels.

Amy – many trails are overgrown b/c they don't get used and now we are proposing new trails. What is this group going to do to support trail maintenance and management?

Ask County staffer to come to the meeting. Ask Casey from the city as well.

Jamie – one of the reasons that OR Wild is advocating for a recreation monument it allows them to get more funding for recreation management, etc.

1:10 – 1:15p   Next Meeting and Next Steps
                      - Note: Scott is unavailable on December 4.

**RESCHEDULED TO THURSDAY THAT WEEK.

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SAVE THE DATE message

1 message

Kim McCarrel (b)(6)   Mon, Aug 27, 2018 at 1:02 PM
To: "Beaupre, James - FS" <jbeaupre@fs.fed.us>, Scott Aycock <scotta@coic.org>, Buck Davis (b)(6) , Kit Dickey (b)(6) , Sarah Carver (b)(6) >, Shepardson (b)(6) Wine Down Ranch (b)(6)   Sue Williams (b)(6) Lisa Machnik <lmachnik@fs.fed.us>, Duane & Ruth Miller (b)(6) Kim Daniels <kim@prinevillechamber.com>, James Good (b)(6)

Hi, everybody! At our meeting on September 4th, we'll be finalizing plans for the community trails meeting coming up on the 20th, including talking about how we're going to promote the meeting. I figured if I waited until the 5th to tell my fellow OET'ers about it, some of those who are interested would be unable to come because they needed more notice. So I sent out a Save the Date email to hopefully get it on folks' calendars.

The message I sent is below. If you want to send out your own Save the Date message, you are welcome to use this one if you like (or modify it or ignore it, as you see fit).   Any, here's the message I sent to OET:

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Happy Trails, everybody!
Kim

PS: If I missed anybody I should have sent this message to, please forward it. Thanks!

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

February 5, 2019 11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce
185 NE 10th St, Prineville, OR

Agenda

11:15 – 11:20a   Introductions
-   New participants

In attendance: Monte Gregg, Kim McCarrel, Kit Dickey, Jamie Dawson, Stan Shepardson, Rika
Ayotte, Sarah Carver, Travis Holman, Duane Miller, Ruth Miller, Mary Beyer, Gary Asbridge,
Chris Joosen, Karl Findling.

Everyone introduced themselves and the group welcomed Chris Joosen, the new Ochoco
National Forest Recreation Program Manager.

Gary Asbridge noted that he is officially leaving the Forest. Andrew Passarelli is covering for
30-days then someone is coming from AZ on detail for 120 days until they make a new
permanent hire.

11:20-11:30   Catch-Up: Review Outcomes of January 8 Meeting
-   Outcomes and Action Items
A_Notes

See January 8 meeting notes.

11:30 – 11:50   Final 2018 Comprehensive Non-Motorized Trail Network Proposal
-   Review the final Draft as of the last meeting

The group briefly discussed the last version of the proposal, and accepted all of the suggested
revisions. Scott to send out a clean version Weds. morning.

11:50 – 12:25p   Prep for Thursday Proposal Delivery Meeting with the FS

-   USFS expectations and advice on meeting

Gary suggested the following: Shane wants to know what you've been doing, what we've come
up with, what it's going to look like on the ground. This will then drive decisions, etc. regarding

specialists, NEPA impact. He's going to look for an overview of what we've done and why we did it rather than all of the details.

Shane will want to know background. He will have questions and will jump in and start peppering you with them. Present the plan that you've come up with and some of your rationale/priorities. Talk about the experiences that you would want out there. Important for him to know that the experiences are different for different users and types of users.

Then, what do you see moving forward in terms of how the OTSG or the individual groups you represent, how vested you are in bringing this to fruition and helping to maintain it.

- OTSG members participating and roles

The following agreed to participate in the proposal delivery meeting with Shane Jeffries and others at the Forest Service: Karl, Duane, Kim, Darlene, Travis, Jamie, Mary .

We need to find another room to accommodate everyone.

Gary can start with the "Why?" See more and more people coming to the Ochoco and want to get ahead of that. Solid, sustainable trail network that works and that has as little impact on the ground as possible for whatever resource values we're looking at. Wanted it to be a user-led process. Wanted a FS-led process.

Shut down for 35 days and going through a series of meetings to see what that has done to their ability to do work this FY. It's a big deal. It has meant a loss of flexibility for people to take on new work. Ability to do it now is not as great as it was before Xmas. Especially if they get furloughed again.

**Gary will get ahold of Dino today to find out the status of the maps and make sure they get printed.

Agreed-upon Agenda/flow:
- Introduction of the effort. Gary A to start it off, with Casey if he is available? Forest Service perspective on where this came from and partnership with the Chamber.
- OTSG members discuss process: Kim and Stan and Kit have been at the table from the beginning. Talk to how things have changed; the first few meetings that weren't so great. Where we started and where we're going. Now looking out for each other.
- Overview the proposal: Kim will do the broad overview piece – where we came from and where we got and now the goals. Include discussion of the September 20 2018 community meeting.
- Present the different elements of the proposal:
  - Hiker piece will have to be delivered by someone else. Kit will prep them.
  - Mtn. biking = Travis and Darlene
  - Equestrian – Duane.
  - Mary Beyer and Kim are backup for all of these.

- Then, how OTSG is preparing to be a partner on this. And lead in to the strategic plan process and the role that folks see for OTSG. If Casey can come he can do it. Kim or Mary are backup.
  - Note that we need a lot more volunteer help. Start building that volunteer network sooner than later. No resources out there to do all the work to build up the volunteer network. E.g. get grants to get youth corp groups to help with this. Needs to be in the strategic plan. Adopt a trail type approaches. Biggest need is here for volunteers compared to the DNF. There are existing trails on the ONF that went away b/c of no capacity to maintain them.
- Make the request for a "Pre field review" - with a cohort of specialists to help ID issues and allow for revisions/refinement of the proposal before we go into NEPA.
  - Including what can move forward more quickly vs. what might need to be part of a larger/longer NEPA process.
  - Would involve other stakeholders such as OHA and ODF&W.
  - Make sure to request a deadline for answers to the questions. That acknowledges that Shane may not be able to answer all their questions on Thursday.
- Close with questions to Shane about what we should expect from the FS. Shane's opinion on what the FS will do next. Various specialists will have a take on this. One big project going forward or take it in chunks?
  - Gary – going to need to know specifically on the ground where a specific trail is going to be.
  - How do we go forward? This is a very different process than an internal process.
  - This will be iterative with the group going forward.

Stan – make sure to say that we know we need to understand their concerns and expectation that we will be working together with them going forward. Partnership orientation.
- Including NEPA, development and maintenance, visitor experience (how to be a good steward, share the trails, etc. – through signage, increased presence on the trails). Enhance volunteer opportunities, etc.
  - Looking out 2-3 years from now.
  - Community education role is natural.

Rika – just updated the DYF Strategic Plan – wrote fiscal admin into this. They had a meeting with Shane etc. about what DYF's focus would be on the Ochoco. Capacity-building for this group. Fundraising and strategic planning and wants to see that grow. Rika's thoughts would be to also discuss your intention of going into a strategic planning process and what the Forest would like to see. And note that there has been a lot of discussion to this point about visitor experience. Visitor experience that includes public awareness about stewardship etc. Build in the maintenance and infrastructure piece in the strategic plan. COTA has a bit of an "adopt a trail" thing.

Jamie and Darlene will take notes. Someone agreed to take pics (?). Press Release will come after.

Rika noted that she needs a sense of what the priorities are for volunteers. If we can prioritize recreation we will have more success than just recruiting volunteers for everything. Kim - new trail projects get people motivated to come join.

Karl – been helping up at Meissner. Had 80 volunteers showing up for trail clearing. Folks got excited.
Kit – there were about 20 of the 100 at the community meeting that indicated an interest in getting involved.

Ruth – we need a timeline going forward. Ask Shane for help in building that as well. This is also part of a strategic planning process.

Press release after the meeting: Darlene will get it started and Kim will edit it down. Will ask Shane for his approval of the quotes.

- After the meeting – what should we expect? USFS next steps? See notes above.
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12:25 – 12:50p   Future of OTSG: Funding
- 2019 Budget and Revenue overview
  o Discussion/updates

Duane: BCH $2K is going before the state board meeting on March 1. State meeting is on the 2nd in the evening. Meal supplied. Crook County Fairgrounds. FS staff to come too? Chris J. will come. Can we get someone to that event to speak to the OTSG. Who can come? **Travis may be able to attend.

Travel OR is coming to a listening session in April or so so we might be able to get in front of them. There is some "loose" money in their destination development operating budget. Might be interested in finding some pilots for rural communities.

The Statewide Summit is about outdoor rec and rural economies and loving places to death, etc. Not necessarily anything new on this.

Darlene attempted to insert the OTSG at her FB meeting.

Presentation to the County Court – next step was to present to the NR Committee. *Darlene will give them a call to get on their schedule. Scott asked about the committee makeup. Jamie – folks she knows weren't very pleased with the balance of the committee.

**Jamie will send a .pdf list of members.

o Current financial status
C_OTSG 2019 Budget/Timeline

Used up the original funding in early December. Then got $1,600 from Chamber + $5,000 from COVA = $6,600.

As of Jan. 1 had $5,281 of this remaining. Charged 10 hours to project in January + travel reimbursement = approximately $1,070 gone = $4211 remaining (Gets us Feb, March, April, May)

12:50 – 1:05	Crooked River National Grasslands

- Any updates on Smith Rock State Park Plan process?
- Next steps

**Travis sent out a link after last meeting with the COTA proposal.
What is our timing for this?
*Kim will check with the State Park on their process to ID when we need to get a placeholder in there.

1:05 – 1:15	Next Meeting and Next Steps

- Next meeting is March 5

- Outcomes of the Thursday FS presentation
- Start the Strategic Plan process
- Start planning out the TFFF visit.

Monte – process perspective to think about: This proposal will all go forward together or in parts. Request a pre-field review. Would involve community members that went to community meeting. Would then go to groups like OHA and ODF&W. End result would be a more defined proposal with edits from other groups that would then be wrapped up in a NEPA process.

"Of puns it has been said that those who most dislike them are those who are least able to utter them ." ~ **Edgar Allen Poe**

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CROOK COUNTY'S COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

Welcome to our editorial page, where the opinions of our editors, our readers and the community in general are showcased.

It's your right to know what government is doing

For government to be of, by and for the people, it must be out in front of the people.

The theme for Sunshine Week 2019 is simply, "It's your right to know."

The reason it's your right to know is that it's your government.

From the courthouse, to the statehouse to the White House, it is your right to know what government is up to.

Every deliberation by city council, county commission, the General Assembly or U.S. Congress is the people's business.

Every penny spent by local, state and federal government is your money.

Every document held in the halls of government belongs to you.

Transparency is not, or at least should not be, partisan.

Access to government meetings and public documents should never be arduous or even controversial.

Government derives all of its powers from the public and is answerable to the public.

Guest opinion
Jim Zachary

It is unfortunate state and federal laws are needed to protect the public's right to know.

Of course, we know those laws are needed and more often than not must be leveraged by people requesting even the most basic information from elected and appointed officials.

No branch of government should exempt itself from freedom of information laws, and no person in government should seek to circumvent those laws.

Accessing government information and attending deliberative meetings should simply be viewed as democracy in action and not as an adversarial relationship between the governing and the governed.

Access laws are not media laws.

Every person should have free and open access.

The right to know is not only an American right, it is fundamentally right.

Government secrecy that goes beyond national security is fundamentally wrong.

So records custodians at city hall, the county courthouse, with the public school system or at the state capitol must not bristle when a person asks for public records. The records requestors are simply asking for a copy of what belongs to them already.

Records requestors should not create an unnecessarily hostile relationship when making requests.

A records request and fulfillment should be a basic, and ordinary, transaction between government and the public it serves.

City council, county commission, the board of education, the General Assembly and its committees should not balk at the public's right to attend meetings and should not look for every excuse to retreat into an executive session or closed door meeting.

Attending meetings, sitting in on deliberations, understanding not only what decisions are reached but how those decisions are reached are all things which are simply basic American rights, fundamental to living in an open and free society.

In our politically charged, polarized, vitriolic climate, there is very little conservatives and progressives can agree on.

The public's right to know is one thing that everyone, both in and out of government, both left and right leaning, and at the local, state and federal levels, should agree on.

We are the government.

The government is us.

It is, therefore, everyone's fundamental right to know what government is, and is not, doing.

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An update on recreation planning

■ *More people recreating on federal lands means it's necessary to prepare for continued increases in recreation use*

Despite the record amount of snow we received last month, March and April are sure to bring warmer temperatures, and before long, people will start planning their summer hiking and camping adventures.

This month, I'd like to provide some updates on our recreation program for the Ochoco National Forest and the Crooked River National Grassland.

One question we commonly receive is whether visitation is trending upward. Many people feel like it must be, as do many of us who work for the land management agency, but depending on the location, visitation can be difficult to measure. National Forests are very different from National Parks in this regard. There are multiple points of entry to a National Forest, and no one is standing in a ticket booth counting vehicles as they enter and leave.

We sometimes look to the cash receipts and visitation records at our fee sites as one indicator. This only accounts for a portion of our campgrounds (many are free), and entirely misses dispersed campers and other visitors. According to fees collected, visitation at our concessionaire-operated campgrounds has steadily increased by 4 or 5 percent each year. Visitation at Skull Hollow Campground on the Grassland, our busiest recreation site, has increased by about 15 percent each year.

We've undertaken other efforts recently to better understand how people are using the Forest and Grassland. Last year, we took part in a yearlong survey called National Visitor Use Monitoring. Employees patrolled select locations throughout the season, administering surveys to visitors who wished to provide answers.

The survey seeks to measure the volume of recreation visitation and produce descriptions of what types of

Out on the Ochoco
Shane Jeffries

activities people are pursuing, where they're traveling from, and how much money they're spending in local businesses on their trips. The report is not yet available but will be posted to our website once it's finished.

We also took part in a multi-year online survey that invited people to weigh in on what places they visit across the Ochoco, Grassland and Deschutes National Forests, what they value about different locations, and what types of activities are important to them. That survey, called Human Ecology Mapping, yielded many different responses and emphasized that certain areas of the Forest and Grassland are widely used by many different people, and for a variety of recreation types and uses.

Finally, a 2016 study by the University of Oregon and the U.S. Forest Service, titled "National Forests and Communities: The relationships between
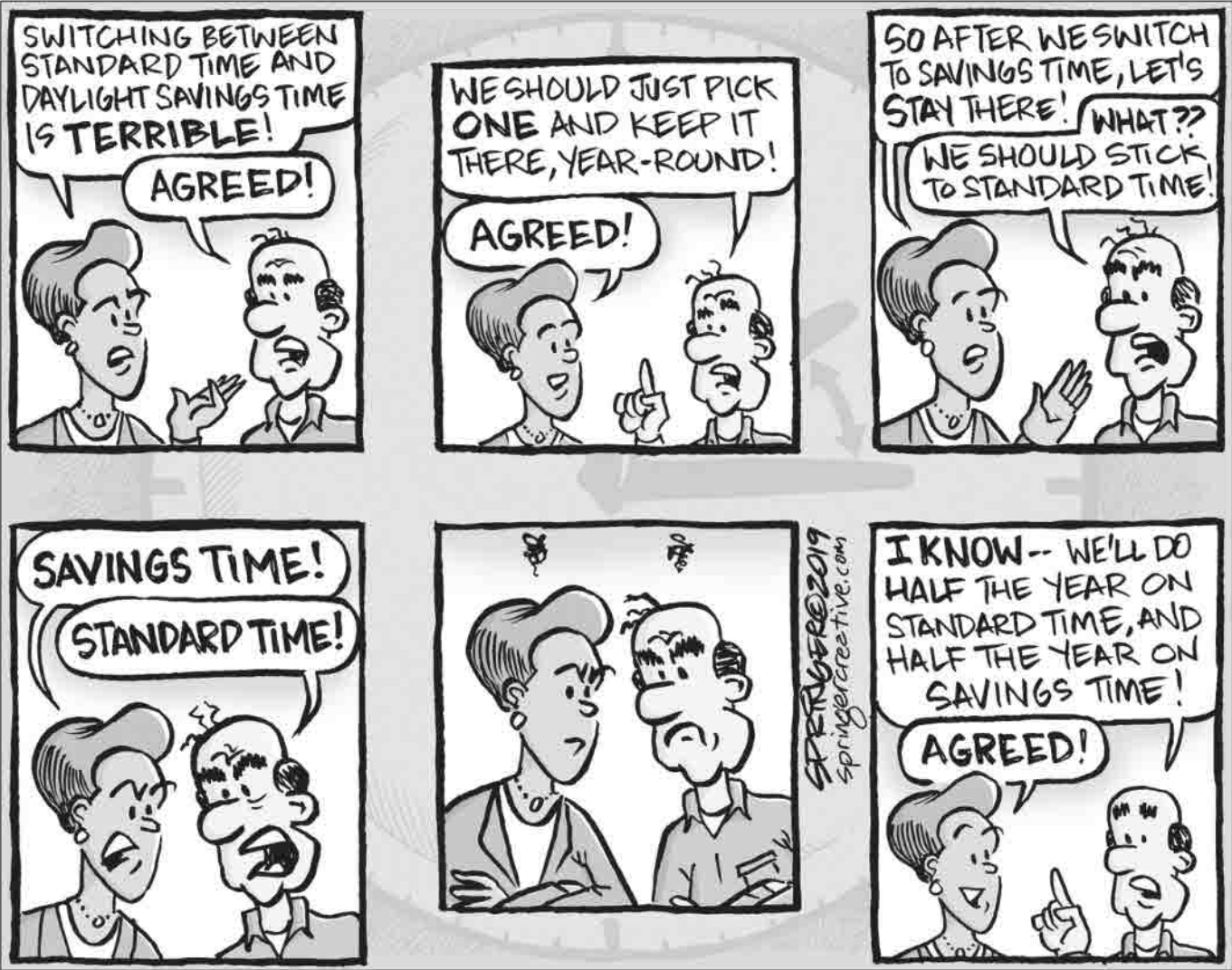

READERS'LETTERS

Natural Resources Management Act a good start

Senate Bill 47, The Natural Resources Management Act, recently passed both houses as part of a package of major public lands bills.

This act includes Sen. Ron Wyden's version of House Bill 2075, The Crooked River Ranch Fire Protection Act, introduced in the House by Rep. Greg Walden.

I want to thank both Sen. Wyden and Rep. Walden for their efforts to help prevent wildfires on public lands adjacent to Crooked River Ranch through passage of SB 47.

Sen. Wyden's amendments to Rep. Walden's bill improved wildfire protection through the release of 688 acres of Wilderness Study Area while providing for fuels reduction and restrictions on vehicular access.

Now there is the opportunity to build upon the work started with this legislation and address other unresolved issues on public lands near Crooked River Ranch, such as vandalism and the destruction of precious natural resources.

There are significant recreational, fishery, wildlife, scenic and archeological values associated with these lands

that deserve special designation to provide permanent protection.

Let's hope our congressional delegation will now work with the concerned public to protect the larger Lower Crooked, Middle Deschutes and Lower Whychus Creek area.

Henry Motti
Powell Butte

Abolishing the electoral college is a bad idea

Watching the field of Democrat "wanna-bes" — from New York's Ocasio-Cortez, and Ilhan Omar, the Muslim congresswoman from Minnesota, to the rantings of Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, the self-proclaimed Native American — it looks like the wanna-bes took pages out of the Karl Marx playbook. The field of far left candidates is also now eight or 10 espousing their liberal approach.

As we watch this, suddenly reality sets in. The heavily populated East Coast states, the state of California and the state of Texas with their influx of immigrants who are voters, could put a liberal wanna-be in the White House if the move to do away with the electoral college were successful.

To ensure we keep these off-the-charts

liberals at bay, it is critical we maintain the electoral college. A nationwide popular vote would essentially make the votes of Oregon along, with other western/midwestern states, meaningless. They would be subservient to the heavily populated East Coast states.

There is a move to abandon the electoral college in favor of the popular vote to determine who sits in the White House supported by Sen. Merkley. Bad move for Oregon Sen. Merkley.

The apparent front-runner of this group of wanna-bes lists as one of her concerns bovine flatulence contributing to global warming. Absolutely amazing! And even more amazing is the amount of press she gets.

Being a congresswoman from New York, the amount of popular votes she could conceivably muster makes the popular votes, given the electoral college were abolished, simply not worth Oregonians bothering to vote.

Our legislative delegation needs to know cows passing gas would do little for Oregonians. It may be that some new faces in our Oregon legislative delegation would help put a stop to this stupidity coming out of Washington and get on with the business of running the country.

Don Smith
Prineville

Opioids:

in 2000 to as high as eight earlier this decade before declining to around six in more recent years. Historically, pharmaceutical opioids have been the culprit twice as often as heroin, but since 2015, a rise in heroin overdose deaths and decline in overdoses on pharmaceuticals has resulted in the numbers for each being about the same in 2017.

To combat the problem, health leaders have begun to more closely scrutinize when they prescribe opiates, who they provide them to, and for how long.

"At St. Charles, as well as emergency physicians in general, we try to be very cautious to balance the risk and benefit of a medication, an opiates are obviously a very risky medication," McGowan said. "So, if patients are on medications for long term and certainly if they are using them for chronic pain, we usually encourage them to go back to their primary doctors. Generally, we don't refill medications if they have been lost or stolen — we encourage them to go back to their primary doctors."

McGowan added that physicians will often have conversations with patients who seem to be addicted to or abusing opiates and tell them they are concerned that they may have a problem and steer them toward treatment resources in the community.

In addition, emergency department personnel are now required to query the Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Database, which tells physicians who else is prescribing medication to a patient, how many refills they have received, and how many prescriptions for pain medication they have received in the past year. McGowan notes that the database has limitations, namely that it does not provide information for patients who may have been seen in neighboring states.

Another safeguard is physicians can produce a printout for frequent users of the emergency department, which opiate-dependent people often are, to review how often they have come in and for what medical conditions.

Oregon Health Authority data shows that prescription rates are in steady decline since peaking locally at more than 300 prescription fills per thousand residents in 2014 and nearly 250 statewide toward the end of 2012. Crook County numbers have since dropped to a bit more than 200 and statewide about 150. Deschutes and Jefferson counties have followed the same trend, and both counties have slightly lower prescription rates than Crook County.

The downward trend opioid prescriptions comes at a time when St. Charles put greater emphasis on other methods of pain management. McGowan said that other medications and treatments can absolutely be effective.

"Medicine is something that is continually evolving, and we are continuing to learn and trying to do things better," she said. "Fifteen years ago, when I started practicing medicine, we were told opiates are not addictive, you can give them to everybody and they will be just fine. We have unfortunately learned that is absolutely not the case. Now we are trying to figure out what the right balance of that is."

McGowan said that the prevailing belief is opiates are not a good option for treating people with chronic pain. She points out that such medications are typically a good option to treat major injuries or other medical situations like passing a kidney stone where pain is intense but temporary.

"That is going to be a time-limited thing," she says of the opiate prescription, adding that patients are given enough to last a few days.

However, opiates are no longer considered a good medication option for people who are dealing with chronic pain, fibromyalgia or other long-term conditions.

"There are much better alternatives for this type of pain," McGowan said. "There are actually physicians who specialize in pain management, and we have several with St. Charles who are able to take patients with Chronic Complex Pain Syndrome and help them find ways to wean off those opiates and find other medications and ways to address their pain that are safer."

In addition to connecting opiate users with pain management physicians, people can turn to treatment facilities in the Crook County community, McGowan said.

"There are some really successful ways to treat this and get patients off of opiates and back to a place where their pain is well controlled," she said.

While hospital leaders institute changes to slow opioid abuse, the Crook County Health Department has been taking their own steps to combat the crisis. Heather Stuart, the department's prevention coordinator, said CCHD is pursuing a grant that would focus on preventing the onset and reducing the progression of opioid use in people ages 9 to 20. The health department is also trying to add a staff member dedicated solely to opioid overuse and abuse, although those efforts have not yet been fruitful.

In addition, the health department's AmeriCorps VISTA Katie Walsh has been working on an opioid assessment for Crook County.

"She has been meeting with stakeholders around the community," Stuart said of the effort, noting that she has talked to the Prineville Police Department, District Attorney Wade Whiting and others.

The information will be used in part to develop a chronic pain class, Stuart said, which would require them to know first how many people experience chronic pain and then determine how many people use opioids — legal and illegal — to deal with that pain.

"The Central Oregon Health Council has a regional workshop called the Pain Standards Task Force," Stuart added. "Right now, they are getting ready to release information around acute pain guidelines."

Another continual issue driving the opioid crisis is medication getting into the wrong hands. McGowan points out that about 80 percent of overdose patients got the medication from someone else. She notes that some people will have surgery or get injured, receive opiates and then fail to use them all and either lose them or have them stolen.

"So if you are not using that medication anymore, take it to a pharmacy or to any local law enforcement (agency)," she said. "They are happy to help us dispose of those medication properly."

Jeffries:

land and people in the Pacific Northwest Region," estimated 172,000 visitors per year to the Ochoco and the Grassland between 2010 and 2015.

Even though we don't have exact visitation numbers, we are preparing for continued increases in recreation use. The fact that the population across Central Oregon continues growing at a steady clip means we will likely experience something similar on our public lands. To that end, I want to update you on two recent efforts that seek to get out in front of the growth with recreation planning.

Last year, I issued a decision for the Skull Hollow Campground and Trailhead Improvement Project that authorizes up to 32 additional campsites and a number of other improvements to the parking area and trailhead. Skull Hollow has long been a favorite camping spot for overflow visitors to Smith Rock State Park, and a popular recreation area during the spring when other public lands are still under snow. Its close proximity to Madras, Prineville, Terrebonne and Redmond mean large numbers of people can easily get there.

For many years, we've been challenged to manage the many different uses taking place in the Skull Hollow area while protecting the natural resources and ensuring visual scenic quality. For instance, tent campers can often scatter across the trailhead, blocking access for hikers and equestrians while horse trailers are often parked in multiple directions because there is no defined parking area. We also struggle to control invasive weed infestations, and the fire danger they cause, without well-defined trails, parking and camping areas. Overall, this project will help to alleviate many of these issues and make the experience more enjoyable for visitors.

You may have also heard about a recent proposal from the Ochoco Trails Strategy Group to designate a number of non-motorized trails or trail extensions in the Ochoco Mountains. The National Forest has been working with this group for more than a year, mostly in a technical advisory role, as the group worked through ideas from different user groups for expanded recreation trail opportunities. Last fall, the group's work culminated in a proposal. They held a public meetings in Prineville to share their ideas. The meeting was well-attended, and the group further refined their proposal based on conversations with the public.

The group's work is very useful for several reasons. Different user groups frequently come to the Forest Service requesting new trails, such as a new equestrian experience or more mountain biking opportunities. It can be difficult to coordinate and balance individual trail proposals with the various other user groups, the conservation community, and the public at large.

The Ochoco Trails Strategy Group has done all the coordination on the front end by bringing the different interest groups together for lengthy dialogue and reaching consensus before making a proposal. Their work has the added benefit of originating with local users and groups for a community-based vision, rather than a plan the agency tries to create for them. The Prineville-Crook County Chamber of Commerce played an integral role in bringing the group together, and the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council provided professional, third-party facilitation to ensure a fair, transparent process.

Moving forward, the Forest Service plans to take the group's proposal and apply the customary analysis, which includes seeking and responding to public comments. Our hope is to land on a trail expansion plan that accommodates growing and future use, while protecting the natural and scenic qualities that people enjoy about the Ochoco National Forest. I want to thank the group for all of their hard work on this proposal, and I look forward to more conversation with them, the public, and our new Recreation Program Manager Chris Joosen, as we consider the proposal.

Shane Jeffries is the Ochoco National Forest Supervisor. He can be reached at 541-416-6500.

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

July 2, 2019   11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce
185 NE 10th St, Prineville, OR

Agenda

11:15 – 11:20a   Welcome and Introductions
                        -   New participants?

DARLENE, TRAVIS, AMY J, STAN, BRUCE, CHRIS J. RUTH AND DUANE, KIM, KIT, JAMIE, SCOTT

11:20 – 11:30   Catch-Up: Review Outcomes of June 4 Meeting
                        -   Outcomes and Action Items
                        A_Notes

11:30 – 12:15   Forest Service Updates
                        -   High-level proposal review update

MIDSTREAM IN THE PROCESS. HAS THE 3 MAPS THAT THE SPECIALISTS ARE REVIEWING – ELK
SECURITY, SUB-WATERSHEDS, MANAGEMENT AREAS.

ALSO HAVE A MEETING SET UP WITH KEVIN KEOWN, MONTE, JIM/CHRIS, AND 3 ODF&W FOLKS.
DISCUSS RECREATION IN GENERAL, WHAT'S BEING DEVELOPED, WHAT IS HAPPENING IN TERMS
OF NON-MOTORIZED REC. DISTURBANCE. WILL THEN GET THE ODF&W COMMENTARY. WHOLE
INTENTION IS TO GET OUT AHEAD AS MUCH AS THEY CAN TO DO THE PRE-WORK TO AVOID
CONFLICTS DURING THE NEPA PROCESS. GO SLOW TO GO FAST. FINISHING REVIEW PROCESS IN
2.5 WEEKS. SHOULD HAVE COMMENTARY AND PERHAPS A DRAFT OF COMMENTARY BY THE
NEXT MEETING. USFS AND ODF&W.

SOME THINGS HAVE DRIFTED RIGHT TO THE TOP – ONE OR TWO EQUESTIRAN PROPOSALS GO
RIGHT THROUGH A RESEARCH NATURAL AREA RNA. BUT YES THERE IS ROOM TO ROUTE
AROUND THEM.

THEY ARE LOOKING AT SOME OF THE LOWEST HANGING FRUITS – SOME EQUESTRIAN TRAILS –
B/C THE ROUTES ARE ALREADY IN PLACE JUST NEED DESIGNATION/SIGNAGE.

JAMIE – DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT FS ATTEMPTS TO STREAMLINE NEPA? ANYTHING FOR
REC?

CHRIS – YES THERE IS NEW NEPA POLICY OUT FOR COMMENT.... BIGGEST CONCERN IS LENGTH OF NEPA PROCESS; AVERAGES 2.5 YEARS.

**CHRIS J WILL SEND OUT FEDERAL REGISTER FOR COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED NEPA CHANGES.

- Lookout Mtn.

DARLENE: THERE WAS NO TRACE OF THE PREVIOUS TRAIL ALIGNMENT. HAD DONE A SURVEY/LINES ON A MAP OF WHERE A TRAIL COULD GO. BUT THERE WASN'T ANYTHING. NOT AN EASY FIX. NOT GOING TO BE FAST. SO, SHOULD WE EXPEND MORE RESOURCES ON LOOKOUT AT THE EXPENSE OF NOT GETTING MORE BIKING MILES TO GET PEOPLE OFF OF LOOKOUT.

BYPASS LENGTH = PINCHPOINT IS ¼ MILE OR SO. BUT TO CIRCUMVENT IT WILL LIKELY BE MORE. WILL REQUIRE SWITCHBACKS.

STAN – CAN USE TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE WARNINGS OF EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITY IN THAT AREA? SOME SORT OF SENSOR SYSTEM? SOME SORT OF SIGNALLING SYSTEM. OR AT LEAST SOME SIGNAGE INDICATING THE ISSUE/DANGER. JIM DID COMMIT TO SOME SIGNAGE A COUPLE MEETINGS AGO. CHRIS WILL FOLLOW UP ON THAT. SIGNAGE NEEDS TO CAPTURE ATTENTION. CHRIS – HAVE A COTA PERSON AND AN EQUESTRIAN PERSON WORK WITH JIM.

*TRAVIS AND STAN VOLUNTEERED.

- Other updates

RE: STREAMLINING NEPA AND USING 3RD-PARTY CONTRACTORS.. WILL THAT HELP? LOOKING AT IT NOW. STARTING THE EARLY STAGES OF THAT – SOME GOOD EXAMPLES ON THE DESCHUTES. BIG PROJECT UP AT THE DESCHUTES USED SUCH. CONTRACTOR HIRES INDEPENDENT PEOPLE TO DO THE SPECIALIST WORK AND USFS SPECIALISTS CONSULT. DUANE – HAD A LONG CONVERSATION WITH SHANE J. HE HAS NO CREWS UP ON THE WILDERNESS AREAS. CONGRESS NEEDS TO LOOK AT THIS DIFFERENTLY AND PROVIDE FUNDING. WE NEED TO ENGAGE WITH BIG GROUPS AND ADVOCATE ON THIS STUFF. HAVE TO KEEP AFTER CONGRESS AND GO AFTER THEM.

ANYONE GOING TO CONGRESSMAN WALDEN'S TOWN HALL IN POWELL BUTTE TODAY?

**NICK STRADER – KIM IS GOING TO SET SOMETHING UP WITH HIM.
STAN – I THINK WE WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF WE GET A LOT OF FOLKS – A BROAD SPECTRUM – TO SUPPORT WHAT WE ARE DOING AND THEN WE WILL GET MORE TRACTION ON THESE ISSUES.

KIT – DUANE AND I HAVE A RECREATION REPORT AT EVERY OFRC MEETING.

I SHOWED THEM THE TRAVEL OREGON ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM STORY.

CHRIS – OUR SENSE IS THAT THE OCHOCO IS A DISPERSED RECREATION FOREST. THE NATIONAL VISITOR USE MONITORING STATS AREN'T MATCHING UP WITH WHAT WE'RE ACTUALLY SEEING. STILL SOME ISSUES WITH THE METHODOLOGY. NEED A NEW ALGORITHIM. NOT WORKING. STILL, EXPECTING THOSE NUMBERS FROM LAST YEAR ANY TIME. DATA IS SIMPLY TOO LOW.

10-15% INCREASE/YEAR AT DEVELOPED SITES (WALTON AND SKULL HOLLOW). MILL CREEK WILDERNESS TOO.

CHRIS - MERKELY REQUESTED FEEDBACK REGARDING BUDGET AND USE NUMBERS. WORKING ON THAT NOW. PROBABLY TRIGGERED BY AN OTSG VISIT.

CROOK CO NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE – TIM WANTS OTSG TO COME TO UPCOMING MEETINGS – PERHAPS A REGULAR PARTICIPANT? QUARTERLY PERHAPS. DARLENE AND DUANE COULD COME.

CHRIS - FOREST PLAN CAME OUT IN 1989. 30 YEARS OLD NOW. SHANE AND CHRIS WERE DISCUSSIG THE TIMELINE FOR A NEW ONE. THESE STAY IN PLAY FOR A LOOOONG TIME. THIS GROUP SHOULD KNOW WHAT'S IN THE CURRENT PLAN AND BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS. LANGUAGE PUT IN THIS NEXT PLAN WILL BE CRITICAL.

STAN – BLM HAS BEEN DOING IT EVERY 10 YEARS. CURRENT ADMINISTRATION JUST SCRAPPED THE LAST ONE – HAD COME OUT WITH A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE AND THEY SCRAPPED IT.

THEY DECIDED TO NOT HAVE ONE PLAN FOR ALL THOSE NE OR FORESTS. MOST OF THE ID TEAM IS RETIRING. BUT THAT MAY OPEN UP OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL FOREST PLAN REWRITES NOW. DATA IS STILL GOOD.

LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE THAT THE GROUP WILL ENGAGE IN THE FOREST PLAN REWRITE.

USFS RETIREMENTS ARE AN ISSUE. FOLKS WANT TO COME HERE TO RETIRE AND END THEIR CAREER.

12:15– 12:25	Crooked River National Grasslands

- COTA Update
- Next steps

MET WITH COTA REDMOND FOLKS. MADRAS COTA NOT ABLE TO ATTEND, BUT THEY ARE AWARE OF THE PLANS. WENT OVER THE LINES ON THE MAP. EQUESTRIAN AND MTN BIKERS ALREADY GAVE THEIR FEEDBACK TO JIM. JIM WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE. UNSURE OF STATUS OF THE PROPOSAL VIS A VIS USFS AT THIS POINT.

EQUESTRIAN PART HAS NOT BEEN GROUNDTRUTHED YET. VOICE OF COTA WAS THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE ANY MILES OF TRAIL. DON'T WANT TO GIVE ANY TRAIL MILES UP BEFORE THE NEW TRAILS ARE IN PLACE. SO, OPEN TO LOSING SOME BUT ONLY AFTER A GAIN.

*HOLLY JEWKS IS REPLACING JOHN ON THE DESCHUTES.

**DEDICATE THE NEXT MEETING TO THE FS FEEDBACK. INVITE THE SPECIALISTS AND ODF&W FOLKS TO JOIN US? HAVE THAT MEETING AT THEIR OFFICE.
 **SCOTT AND CHRIS TO FOLLOW UP ON PLANNING THIS MEETING.

CHRIS – NEXT MEETING MIGHT BE 2 MEETINGS. WON'T HAVE A FULLY FINAL QUALITY PRODUCT.

12:25-12:35	Funding Updates
	- TFFF Update
	- NFFF MAP
	B_Updated Budget-Funding Matrix

QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW WE USE THE TRAVEL OR $7500 IN LIGHT OF NOT RECEIVING THE NFF $ AS WELL AS THE LACK OF A TRAIL ON LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN.

HOW CAN WE DEMONSTRATE "SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS" ON THE TRAIL UP THERE? SOME SORT OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/OUTREACH? NEPA STUFF TOO?

GO BACK TO TRAVEL OR – CAN WE MOVE THE $ TO NEPA? WHAT ABOUT ANOTHER SITE THAT HAS LOWER NEPA COSTS THAT $5K WOULD BE A BIGGER ASSIST?

STAN – IF WE FOCUS ON NEPA THERE THEN WE'RE READY WHEN THERE'S $ TO BUILD AT LM.

WHAT WORK WAS DONE TO SUPPORT DRAWING THAT LINE ON LOOKOUT MTN?

**AMY – ASKING TRAVEL OR IF THEY WOULD PREFER THAT WE STICK WITH LM OR BE ABLE TO APPLY THE $ TO A DIFFERENT "SIGNATURE TRAIL"? SET IT UP AS A CONFERENCE CALL WITH SOME OTSG MEMBERS. IS THEIR PREFERENCE RESOLVING THE CONFLICT OR SOMETHING TANGIBLE WITH A TRAIL?

DUANE – WE SHOULD KEEP THINKING ABOUT WHAT'S ANOTHER MTN BIKE TRAIL IN OUR BACK POCKET. PLAN B.

**KIM WILL FORWARD INFO ON "SAVE OUR PARKS" ACT (DOES NOT INCLUDE USFS) AND FUNDING FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (HOUSE).

12:35 – 1:10p	OTSG Strategic Plan
	- Review progress at last meeting
	- Continue Developing Actions and Indicators

- Designate Strategic Plan subcommittee and schedule time to meet in July

C_Revised Strategic Plan Outline and Questions

*AMY WILL WORK UP SOME IDEAS FOR A LOGO.
*NOTE: TRAVIS IS A GRAPHIC DESIGNER.

**SCOTT TO CREATE A DRAFT LIST OF VALUES, BUT LET'S HOLD OFF ON COMPLETING THE ACTION PLAN UNTIL AFTER THE USFS DEBRIEF.
**JAMIE – WHAT ABOUT A GROUP VISION STATEMENT – A FUTURE STATE OF BEING FOR THE GROUP.

1:10 – 1:15   <u>Next Meeting and Next Steps</u>
- Next meeting is June 4

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

September 3, 2019   11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce
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<u>Notes</u>

*Send Amy all of our invoices to DYF so that she can get us a progress report

11:15 – 11:20a   <u>Welcome and Introductions</u>
-    New participants?

Amy, Duane and Ruth, Kit, Kim M, Karl F, Sarah Carver, Jamie Dawson, Stan, Chris J, Johanna

11:20 – 12:00   <u>Catch-Up:</u>
-    Review Outcomes of July 2 OTSG Meeting
Stan put some signs up on lookout. With Jim. Temporary and insufficient for now. Travis felt like the biking community didn't have a lot of issues/concerns.

Chris – Travis said that 99% of bikers would be moving slow enough anyway in that particular spot. Signage would be enough. Stan – we should be asking bikers to walk that stretch.

Kim – i think we can do a much shorter reroute than what Jim was looking at.
*Follow- up do another site visit out there.

Travel OR $ - what's the best use of the $5k to be used for a project. Still unclear on what they want OTSG to do. Seems like they will be ok with the group moving the funds to another project.

*Logo – Amy will hand sketch stuff and send to Travis.
Rika returns October 1 on a limited schedule.

-    Review Outcomes of August 22 USFS/ODF&W Feedback Meeting
A_July 2 OTSG RAW Notes
B_August 22 Feedback Meeting Raw Notes

Some areas didn't look very promising.
Dry Creek and Lemon Gulch seem the most likely areas to start on. Etc.

Talked about moving forward with another public meeting.
Bandit Springs was also identified.

Very low hanging fruit was Endurance trails, Allen Creek, and Dry Creek. All on roads, so pretty easy, but all equestrian.

Bandit Springs would be a CE for the bikers.

Black Canyon area – easy, but probably a lower priority for now b/c so remote.

Potlid was going to be really challenging.

Lemon Gulch and Dry Creek horse camp are the most promising to get things going in a significant way.

Chris reminded us of the program of work backlog for 2020fy. Would begin analysis in 2021. COTA will go out and spend some time on the ground and flag it (but not pin flag it).

*They have some placeholders for some 2020 work.

Stan – to have an exclusive new bike area…. Is there a possibility to incorporate parallel trails that would be equestrian and hiking. In an attempt to keep the footprint as small as possible.

Chris – yes there could be places for that.

The group then had a discussion about parallel trails vs. Multiuse trails. Equestrian folks aren't really interested in building new trail. Maybe some separations in key spots/pinch points.

Stan – if you look 30 years ahead and think of all the uses that are going to occur, we are going to have relatively limited areas to place trails. So, when we start the process we should at least consider it.

Bruce – that dedicated area is going to give the adrenaline seeking bikers somewhere to go.

Dept of Interior just issued policy to allow e-bikes on all Interior lands (Nat Parks and BLM). This will put pressure on the FS to follow suit. This is only for trails where bikes are currently allowed.

> *C_General Considerations*
> *D_Project Area Focus Map*

12:00-12:30   Response: What Now?
- Discuss implications from the feedback meeting:
  o "Low-hanging fruit" to pursue
  o Refine Project Area and Trails; Determine Next Steps

Kim – the yellow outline area would be a great place to focus, but the things we care the most deeply about are 23, 8, 3 and 4, and Bandit Springs (19).

So, we would ask them to move forward on the whole proposed project area for the NEPA process but indicating what we most want to be implemented first.

Still not really sure about what the scale needs to be to determine cumulative impact, etc.

*Need to get stuff on the POW asap. Need to know what the specialists are going to look at.

Johanna – visibility and what work needs to be seen to get going. We can get some stuff done that isn't as visible.

*Create short, medium, and long-term priorities.
"Official proposals" and "other work" – Lemon Gulch flagging would be the latter.

Bruce – back in the 80s they did work to establish a summit trail. That might help us establish #1?

**Form a small group to sit down with the FS to help set up the priorities going forward.

SHORT TERM:

- Trail 1 – would be useful b/c it would include other groups like the runners. 50 feet from the road. Specifically asked for it to be not in the wilderness area. Trail building.
- Endurance trail and Allen Creek Camp (could be chunked into pieces b/c it's so long. 10-mile section Coil Butte loop – top priority.
- Giddyup Go – should be easy b/c all on forest service roads + an existing trail.
- Bandit Springs – but won't be a CE process most likely
- Lemon Gulch = "other work"
- Safety and signage issues for lookout mountain

*Jamie – sounds like Erik volunteered to make an online interactive map for the group. Chris will get OR Wild those layers – our trails, and all the habitat consideration polygons.

12:30– 12:45   Crooked River National Grasslands
- Any updates?
- Next steps

Kim – looking at adding to the Grasslands plan one horse trail that would parallel the Grey Butte trail and going up on one of the buttes b/c there's a view. Kim rode it and it's too steep – would be too much work. So, take that off the list.

Skull Hollow and Smith Rock State Park Plan.

*We need to create the OTSG CRNG proposal. That area gets more visitorship than anywhere on the Ochoco.

*Jim Beaupre was going to come back with a map and go over things together. Do the markers thing.

*Next meeting – get Jim to bring the maps and we will do the markers thing. Bring it all together in one effort to "brand" it part of the OTSG proposal. Will mostly be COTA building trails and we can get OTSG to sign off on it.

*Travis sent out a map.

OFRC is bringing the Walton Lake project to the public on the 15th. Should OTSG have a table there? Venue is the library. Doing a storytelling about Walton Lake, pictures, photo contest. etc.

**Strategic Plan Subcommittee: Sarah, Kim, Kit, Duane/Ruth.

Meet at Wild Ride in Redmond – M-Th after hours or Friday. ** Send some dates/times.

12:45-12:55	Funding Updates *E_Updated Budget-Funding Matrix*
12:55 – 1:10p	OTSG Strategic Plan - Designate Strategic Plan subcommittee and schedule time to meet in September *F_Revised Strategic Plan Outline and Questions*
1:10 – 1:15	Next Meeting and Next Steps - Next meeting is October 1

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group Meeting – November 7, 2017 11:15a – 1:15p

Attachment C: Assessment of Existing Conditions
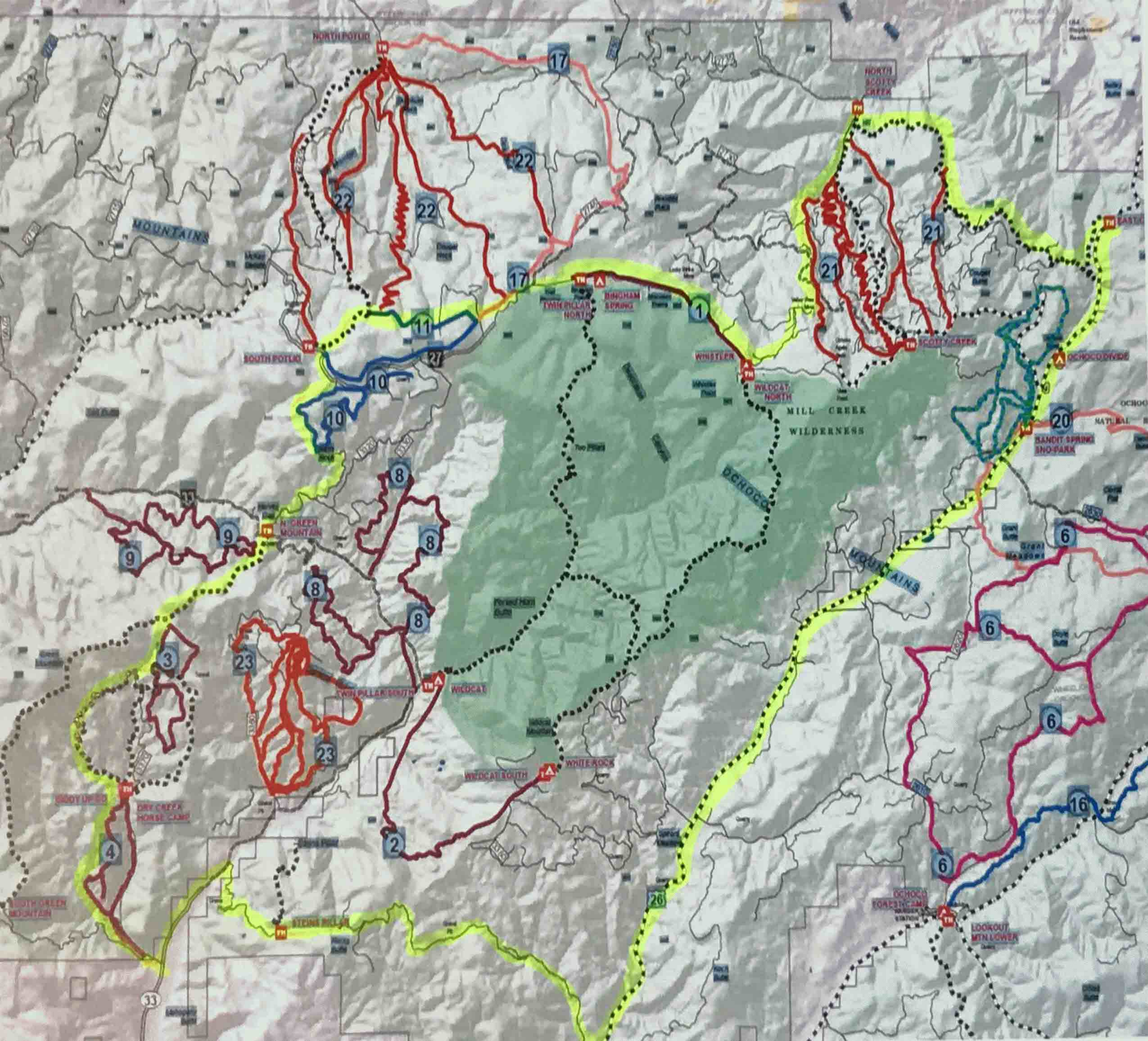
Assessment Methods

- Blind Survey of User Groups
  - o What trails do you use & highly enjoy? Why?
  - o What trails do you know about and want to use, but haven't yet?
  - o What trails do you know about, but will never use?
- Trail Master Plan Analysis
  - o Rapid Assessment Tool (each group member + external trail users)
    - ▪ Pros: easy to do (not each trail on its own), more value in comments
    - ▪ Cons: difficult for users to rate resource concerns
    - ▪ Matrix which displays attribute importance by user group would be useful
- One Trail Focus: work through issues, opportunities, funding needs, etc. – will yield a good feel for overall process, will combine experiences/desires with existing trails

Group Identification of Current Challenges / Conflicts of Existing Trail System

- "Lack of"
  - o No loops
  - o No education (regarding other user needs; regarding the existing trail system, uses, etc.; for new users who don't know the ethics)
  - o No maintenance
  - o No funding
  - o Less opportunity for solitude / scenic views
  - o No facilities (e.g. bathrooms)
  - o Missing trails in areas where people want to go
- Increased Users
  - o Variety of users
  - o Number of people
  - o More conflict (e.g. bikers & equestrians)
  - o High density of use (i.e. use focused in certain areas) – Lookout, Independent Mine, Round Mt
- Adverse impacts on natural resources
- Insufficient user safety (due to conflicts, lack of maintenance, excessive use)
- Problems with Existing Trails
  - o Trails go where people don't want to go
- Opportunities for Improvement

Questions

- What is the priority of use on existing trails?
- Is the difference in speed of travel between various user groups contributing to conflict?
- Who are others impacted?

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Community Meeting_Dot Results.docx, D_OTSG Work Plan_Draft 2018_08_07.docx, C_Ochoco Trails
Email Log.docx, E_Trail Proposals - attributes_updated 09-10-18.docx

Post Community meeting notes.

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Subject: agenda and materials for tomorrow's OTSG meeting

Hello all,

Attached are the agenda and materials for tomorrow's meeting. Lots of info related to the Sept.
20 community meeting!

Thanks,

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Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

October 2, 2018   11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce
185 NE 10th St, Prineville, OR

Agenda

11:15 – 11:20a	Introductions

11:20-11:30   Catch-Up: Review Outcomes of September 4 Meeting
                 A_Notes

11:30 – 12:20p   September 20 Community Meeting Debrief
- Overall Impressions/Outcomes
- Comment Cards and "Dots"

B_Dot Outcomes Summary
- Email input received to date

C_Email table
- Other feedback?
- Process to integrate input and finalize proposal

12:20 – 12:50   Next Steps for OTSG
- Work Plan next steps (review)
- Implications from the community meeting for the work plan?

D_Work Plan
- What types of staff support will be needed going forward?
- What are some target funding sources?
- What are your options for fiscal administration/home?

12:50 – 1:10   Mapping
- Time set aside for map updates as appropriate from the community meeting

E_Trail Attributes

1:10 – 1:15p   Next Meeting and Next Steps

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group

September 4, 2018   11:15a – 1:15p

Prineville – Crook County Chamber of Commerce
185 NE 10th St, Prineville, OR

Agenda

11:15 – 11:20a   Introductions

Scott Aycock, Kit Dickey, Travis Holman, Bruce Miller, Darlene Henderson, Kim Daniels, Stan Shephardson, Sarah Carver, Lisa Machnik, Ruth Miller, Duane Miller, Rika Ayotte, Jim Beaupres, Mary Beyer.

11:20-11:30   Catch-Up: Review Outcomes of August 7 Meeting
                        A_Notes

At the last meeting the group began teeing up the community meeting and identified a subcommittee to plan the event.

Discussed turnover at the Forest Service and ways to keep their engagement. Monte Gregg, USFS wildlife biologist, joined the group. Amy Lowe is acting for Gary A.

Discussed how there is no plan for ongoing FS funding for this effort and desire for conversations with STA as well as DYF.

Continued refining the maps.

11:30 – 12:20p   OTSG Work Plan
                        - Future Activities (30 mins)
                            o List of Ideas on Work Plan (from prior meeting notes)

Two issues – need the long-term vision and then want to address the user conflicts. Horses and bikers at lookout mtn. Stan wants to do this by April.

JIM: Regarding the Potlid reroutes; Lookout mtn ridge zone reroutes; Cold Loop trail in the grassland.s Expecting to put this on the internal program of work for next FY.

Kit – we are not done in December. This will go on. A lot will come from that community meeting. Will need to be flexible and quick on your feet.

Darlene – questioned how many of the group live in Crook Do or Prineville? Many but not all.

Stan – Is the Chamber going to continue to fund? Right now it's a grant for facilitation from the FS.

Kim – what involvement do you want and what do you need moving forward?

  o Sisters Trails Alliance -- Overview of group goals, structure, funding, staffing, etc. *Chuck Humphreys, Sisters Trails Alliance*
  o Discussion – how to meet OTSG longer-term goals?

Chuck Humphreys, Sisters Trail Alliance, joined the group on the phone. He provided a broad overview of the founding and evolution of the STA:

- Outgrowth of a community action effort to realize economic development opportunities in Sisters. Focused on trails and trail development. Was considered an ED driver. Got a grant to prepare a community trails plan. Identified a bunch of trails that the community would like to have.
- Got a grant from the RTP program to build and sign trails.
- Became more organized, had membership and elected officers. Trails plan emphasized biking and walking. A lot of the drivers were cycling. Emphasis on community connection -that aspect has become fairly important. Not so much about mtn biking trails for recreation.
- Current motto is trails for everyone. Work with (?) on equestrian trails. Do paved trails. Scenic bikeways. Etc. Map out road rides for people. Hiking trails. Recently started to partner with other folks on xcountry ski trails. Anything that's a trail that's non-motorized is their bailiwick.
- How they got to where they are – were expanding the Peterson Ridge Trail and had community idea that mtn. bikers were usurping equestrian territory. Separate trails would be better was the idea. Resulted in a strong partnership with the equestrian community and have them on the board etc. Reinforced their belief that they wanted this broader focus.
- RTP grant – did a bunch of signage. First big project, funded thru donations, was to fund a connector trail between Tollgate and Sisters. Completed in 2006. 2010 pushed to expand Peterson Ridge trail.
- People get energized around building a new trail for their use. Almost all trails are across FS lands... so for a whole lot of reasons it can be very difficult to get approval to build new trails. Had to rethink about what we do as an organization – hard to build trails! Have been very few new trails that they've been able to lead.
- Big question that took several years to work through was their organizational structure. Started off very informally; self-selected trails group. Eventually partnered with Sisters Parks and Rec. which provided an umbrella for various community organizations. Did all the back

office work, provided insurance, helped manage donations, etc. That changed when there was a change in board members. New board didn't much like the trails work. SPRD began to realize that they needed to tightly control too much. Became untenable and created their own 501c(3) organization. Process wasn't so bad.

- Spend ~$2500/year in insurance. What was free was now something they had to budget for and raise funds for. Was the right decision but it created more complexity and costs.
- Now going through stage of growth – getting to be hard for volunteers to manage and carry out. E.g. Coordinating volunteers, interacting with funding agencies, etc. Went through a strat. Plan process. Now hiring a pt staff person. Becoming more of a formal organization than they imagined 15 years ago.
- 2017 budget costs and revenues -
  - $7,000. Make 25,000 copies/year of a trails map – horse, mtn biking, road routes for cyclists. Get that financed through sponsorship with local businesses (place an ad in the map).
  - $2,000. Grant from OR Community Foundation to do strategic planning.\
  - Membership dues = $3,500.
  - Variety of donations from individuals and biz. 2-3 people give them $2k/each every year. Sponsor some meet and greet events; partner with a brewpub and charge people to come. Get new members and get to know ya.
- $4,500 on administration – web, insurance, etc.
- $12,000 on trail work. mainly the handout maps and large-format maps on kiosks.
- In 2011-12 spent $25K on an environmental assessment and $6k on another one in 2006. Building trails are lumpy expenditures.
- Have ~$50k in the bank. war chest for trails stuff.
- In thinking about their mandate, is it just building trails or is it helping people know about and use trails? STA's emphasis is on the 2nd part. Have an educational mission as well. They refined that when they became a 501©(3). Interactive maps etc.
- Would like to do more stewardship and more trail-related activities such as guided hikes and rides.
- When became a 501©(3) they stopped being a "membership" organization. Members have to elect and anything you do has to go through a vote. Opted for a form where officers can do all that. They still call people that donate "members", but technically not a membership org.
- Travis – how would you describe your relationships/interactions with user groups like COTA?
- Chuck - With OET we have a solid relationship. On our board, etc.
- Travis – do you work with those groups on trail proposals?
- Chuck - when we build trails its typically for mtn bikers or all users on a paved trails. Also hiking trails. Had some joint projects on equestrian trails.
- Another strategic plan goal for them is to expand partnerships with other organizations. Definitely happening with equestrian groups.
- Had a bit of an issue with COTA in the past. Thought that COTA would be able to get new trails built – created a COTA chapter in Sisters and announced that they would be responsible for trails in Sisters. Surprised them…. Part of it was a result of personalities. Also, we are a

small organization and there's only so much we can do. In the end we've worked out an arrangement with COTA where we take care of trails within a certain radius around sisters and COTA has the stuff farther out. Geographic division of labor.

- COTA wasn't any more successful than we have been but partnering was helpful b/c their demographic is different. We have older people and COTA brought the younger people that want more technical trails, etc.
- Would like to do a better job of partnering with orgs with a narrower focus and constituency. Strategic alliances with other groups are important!
- Darlene – question for Jim. Have we explored a structure like the TUG? Trails user group. It's a different model since they're looking at the whole forest.
- Jim – my experience has been limited.
- Kit - it is a meeting of trails user groups and they tell what each other is doing. No planning element, no trail building, etc. Very different goals.
- Darlene – There is some building of relationships and bringing issues to the table for group discussion.
- Monte – i have experience there. Groups lend themselves to the landsdape around them. STA was really formed around the FS. lands b/c that's what surrounds Sisters.

Chuck left the meeting.
Discussion:
- Lot of turfiness came up btwn COTA and STA.
- Rika – The Deschutes Trails Coalition (DTC) is a different model. Makeup is kinda similar to this group in that there are representatives from all sorts of groups. Includes motorized too. Have structured themselves by inviting organizations to become partner organizations. The member organization's mission has to align with the DTC mission. That's how you become a partner. From that, the structure is that they will have 2-year seats on a steering committee with a fixed membership. Variety of subcommittees on which participation is open to a wider array of partners. We're setting up something that brings those partners together and brings a shared vision forward. Bit of a collective impact model/shared vision. Took 1.5 years to land on this structure. Next meeting will be the first with the new partners.
- Monte – that's 2 conversations – 1) STA or COTA are a trails group so you'll find consensus among people that you already agree with. Now you're moving in the direction of working with the community and others.
- Rika – the DTC is fiscally sponsored by DYF. Reason is that we were involved from the beginning and have a fairly neutral view on trails; not aligned with user groups or enviro issues.
- Rika has largely been fundraising for them. They will do some of it in the future.
- What are they raising the funds for? Hired a PT facilitator staffperson to make sure their process keeps moving forward. Money started coming in before they knew what to do with it. Put out an RFP for $60k trails projects on the Deschutes (money came from local businesses). Do have a strategic plan – take that and put it into a work plan, assign to different committees, etc.

- Monte – there can be a go slow to go fast process. There's going to be groups or individuals who are really excited in favor or in opposition. That process can get those groups all together in one room and refine that. Develop the collaborative piece. Gives you an early heads up on values and interests.
- More agencies you add to the mix, the more slowdowns you will have.
- Make sure to specify that we're talking about a comprehensive trails plan for the **ONF.**
- Kit – historically we started as a mediation group – working on the Lookout Mtn. issues. Very first meeting was conflict over bikes and horses on trails. Started with the FS and Chamber.
- Shane asked Rika to come here today. Fully supportive of what they're doing and it aligns with their mission. Can provide support and some administrative flexibility.
- Scott asked the group if they believed that they needed some sort of facilitation and staff support. Unanimous yes. Will be more details after the community meeting.

- September 20 Community Meeting (20 mins)
   - Debrief from Planning Committee

Decided that the time is from 6-8. Have the room starting at 5. Not serving any food or anything. Will function as an open house – grab people's info as they come in. Register and open it up. Preferably 2 people at each map. Explain what is going on.

Gather info in a variety of ways.

Kim couldn't come but had this vision of people arriving at 6 and then at 6:30 have a quick presentation. That's hard to know when to do that b/c who knows when people are going to come. Did talk about having talking points. Took notes at the other meeting and sent to Kim. Kim sent those talking points.

Also sent a flyer.

Final thing is that we talked about marketing this. Where are we marketing this to get people to come? A: Backcountry horse people, Cork the running club, COTA, Central OR Nordic club, OFRC, County natural resource committee via Tim Deboodt, newspaper.

Some discussion about a local guy... Chuckaroo the buckaroo... gave a lot of misinformation that this was an effort to take away equestrian access – starting to gear up the crowd

Jim will change all maps to say "multi-use" trails.

Gather information/feedback:
- Comment cards
- Set up a gmail account – distribute that for folks that want to provide input outside the event.
Everyone should have badges – "ask me".

Kim created some talking points – please provide Kit with any edits.
The group decided to create a .ppt with 12-14 slides with bullet points – welcome, who we are, why we are here, who is involved?, what the ask is today. And create a handout based on this, with the email account as well.

**The group decided to ask Kim to build the .ppt. and handout.

Group members that are attending:
- Sarah, Darlene, Travis -- mtn bikes
- Kim?, Duane, Stan -- equestrian
- Mary will do registration table
- Ruth and Darlene can float
- Dennis
- Everyone else come and pitch in as needed

Do an introduction that strongly reiterates that this is a multi-user group thing. Do this at the registration table. 2-3 sentence spiel.

Who is putting this on? The OTSG which is a group of community members.

Jim – trail in Bridge Creek Wilderness should be removed from the list b/c it goes against the Forest Plan. Trails to Upper falls and Lower falls should be removed b/c its on private land.

**Scott to send the trails attributes document to Travis for him to help complete it.

What maps are going to be on the wall? We have some maps that show multi-use trails and some that show who the maps were designed for.
- Existing maps
- What is being proposed by each group – with header saying that all trails are being proposed as multi-use
So this means we will have the mtn bikers in one area and the equestrians in another etc.

**Dino Borghi – all the mapping is a gift from him. Let's recognize him and give him a card.

Everyone to show up at 5.
Have info on all the different trail user groups. Pamphlets etc. to distribute.

Sign-in sheet should ask their name, ID their primary interest, contact info.

Make sure that we note that there is no proposal for bikes in the wilderness.

Stan – maintain the mindset that we are trying to get input.

Talking points – note that this is a friendly, amicable environment for discussion. No tolerance for ugly behavior.

Inviting Casey to come.

Law enforcement walkthrough to manage disruptive people?

*Kit, Kim D, Jim, Ruth and Duane and Scott will meet to talk about facilitation etc. between the 20th and before the next meeting.

*Kim will reach out to sheriff's dept. to see about a walkthrough.

	- Mountain Biking group membership
	B_Work Plan
	C_Save the Date Email
12:20 – 1:00	<u>Mapping</u>
	- Review Updated GIS maps/Google Earth
	- Complete mapping concepts and update Trail Attributes Table
	D_Trail Attributes
1:00 – 1:15p	<u>Next Meeting and Next Steps</u>

Ochoco Trail Strategy Group Community Meeting - 9/20/2018

Favorite Proposed Trail Dot Exercise Results

Multi-Use Proposals

8 – Lookout Mt Ridge User Separation

5 – Bandit Springs Winter to Summer Conversion

4 – Wildcat to White Rock Connection

3 – East Cougar TH to Wildwood Connection

3 – Keeton to Barnhouse Connection to Create Loop (2 dots on existing, assuming they meant to put on proposed)

3 – Ochoco Mt West to Cottonwood for Ochoco Mountain Loop (2 dots on existing, assuming they meant to put on proposed)

2- Dry Creek to Brennan Palisades Connection

2 – Harvey Gap Loops

2 – Black Canyon West to Mud Springs Connection

2 – Bingham Springs to Whistler Connection

2 – North Potlid to North Scotty Creek Connection

1 – Hash Rock Loop

1 – Additional Giddy Up Go Loop

1 – Hammer Creek Reconstruction

Equestrian/Hike Proposals

10 – Bandit Springs Endurance Ride System

8 – Allen Creek System

MTB/Hike Proposals

24 – Scotty Creek System

21 – Lemon Creek System

4 – Walton/Round Loop

2 – Potlid System

1 – Harvey Gap System

Random Dots

3 – Existing Lower Lookout Mtn Trail

3 – Existing Walton Lake Loop

1 – Existing Green Mtn OHV Trail

Ochoco Trails Strategy Group Work Proposal

Vision: We collaborate to create and maintain a sustainable range of opportunities for non-motorized trail experiences that help protect and enhance the forest resources we all value for future generations.

Goals:

- Well-constructed, well-maintained trail *network* to create a quality experience for diverse groups.
- System for funding / support of trail construction and maintenance.
- Promotion of trails and recreational opportunities for community and economic benefit.
- User safety.

Desired Outcome 1: The OTSG will create a Comprehensive Non-Motorized Trail Network Proposal before the end of fall 2018.

The matrix below outlines a series of strategies and an associated timeline to achieve the first desired outcome (Desired Outcome 1) identified by the group. Strategy subcomponents and sub-outcomes are included.

Timeline	Strategy (to Achieve Desired Outcome)	Strategy Subcomponents	Sub-Outcome (to Achieve Desired Outcome)	Status
January – February 2018	1) Synthesize and Finalize Existing Conditions	a. Group ID of current challenges b. Rapid Trails Assessment c. User Group Surveys d. Mapping Activity e. Prioritize existing challenges	Past exercises to assess existing conditions and challenges on the Ochoco have been reviewed and their relevance has been determined.	complete
February 2018	2) Determine Missing Attributes from the Trail Network	a. Identify desired trails attributes by user group b. Assess trails – individually and as a network c. ID priority missing attributes in the trail network as a whole	Group has assessed trails by desired attribute and can now point to a few priority "missing attributes"	complete

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March 2018	3) Identify Key Opportunities	d. Discuss existing group ID of strategies & brainstorm additional strategies to address missing trail network attributes. e. Prioritize strategies to address challenges.	Key opportunities to address existing challenges on the existing Ochoco trail system have been identified and prioritized.	complete
May- August 2018	4) Identify a Proposed Draft Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal	a. Use mapping activity results and compilation of other data to build a Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal.	A sustainable Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal which addresses key issues and opportunities has been created.	in progress
September 2018	5) Conduct Community Meeting	a. Present the refined trail network proposal and receive feedback b. ==Field Tour?==	We have more information from the community to complete the Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal	
October 2018	6) Finalize Initial Trail Network Proposal based on mapping exercise, initial FS specialist review, and community meeting feedback	a.		
Oct-Nov 2018	7) Vet Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal by Subject Matter Experts	b. Bring in various experts (FS recreation, heritage, and biologist specialists, other?) to assess viability of proposed Proposal.	The Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal has been vetted by various subject matter experts to provide an initial look at viability.	in progress
December 2018	8) Complete a Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal	c. Revise as appropriate upon feedback received in strategy 4.	A Comprehensive Trail Network Proposal which has been created by trail users, is sustainable, and has been vetted by various subject matter experts is complete and ready for recommendation to the Forest Service.	

Possible Next Steps:

After completing the work outlined above, the group has identified potential options for subsequent work, including:

- Continuing to shepherd the Comprehensive Non-Motorized Trail Network Proposal towards implementation (long term, ongoing activities)
  - o Iterative process with the USFS
  - o NEPA engagement
  - o Developing funding and mobilizing human resources (e.g. volunteers) for trail development and maintenance
- Narrowing in on specific geographic areas to solve location-specific user conflicts.
  - o Including development of trail etiquette signage, materials, community outreach
- Field tours and additional community outreach
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Email log

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DATE	Contact	Action, Notes, etc
9/21/2018	(b)(6) Cindy Chaney PO Box 767 Prineville OR 97754 (b)(6)	Thanked her and sent maps on 9/26
Hi, I see that there was a meeting in Prineville with the Ochoco Trails Strategy Group. I am a horse trail rider and hiker. I heard that there was a map. Could you please send me the detailed map at full resolutions so that I may study it? I am a horse trail rider and hiker. I heard that there was a map. Could you please send me the detailed map at full resolutions so that I may study it?		
9/21/18	(b)(6) Kristen Grace PNER President	Thanked her for her input on 9/23
Thank you for considering the needs of all trail users in the Ochoco National Forest. I am an avid equestrian (and dirt bike rider) and have enjoyed the Ochoco trail system for many years with my family for trail riding as well as for endurance riding. The loss of so many equestrian trails in Central Oregon to the bicycling community has created quite a divide between the two groups of users. As a long time user of trails for both horses and dirt bikes, and as the president of the Pacific Northwest Endurance Riders organization, I appreciate the concern and commitment that is being dedicated to this area and the users who enjoy it. Please consider keeping the Bandit Springs endurance trails, as well as several others, as equestrian only.		
9/21/18	(b)(6) Mark Scott	9/26 sent the maps
I couldn't attend the meeting last night. Could you send me the maps. I would like to comment.		
9/28/18	(b)(6) Mark Scott	No response yet.
Thank you for sending me the maps. I appreciate the opportunity to comment. I am a 35 year resident of central oregon and consider the Ochoco National Forest a gem of Oregon for hikes. I have backpacked and hiked in the Mill Creek Wilderness, Lookout Mountain from every directions, Round Mountain, Rock Creek/ Spanish Peak, and did a long hunt for the Hammer Creek Trail ;) I have also done volunteer trail work in the Mill Creek Wilderness. I have hiked all over the western USA. My comments: 1. I assume that Pack and Saddle in the maps refer to only Horse and Hikers (i.e. no Bikers or ATV). Since this primarily in Wilderness area I assume that is a logical assumption. 2. The proposed new multi-use trails need to be dedicated to Hikers and Horses or Bikers or ATV. I have seen where Hikers and Horse trails can be combined (i.e. the PCT) but, Bikers and Hikers are not a good combination. a.) There is too much speed difference. This is a safety hazard and a frustration builder. Bikers get tired of waiting to pass and will bike around the hikers and in the process ruin the tread. I have seen too much bad interaction over the years because of multi-use trails. b.)The trail design is very different and inconsistent with each other. Bikers prefer undulating, sweeping trails on hard surfaces. Hikers prefer a consistent grade, sharp turns, and a soft tread. c.) Hikers hate walking on a used bike trail because of the cupping that develops which is hard on the joints and knees (especially as I age). ATVs do not mix with anyone (period). Trails need to be dedicated to specific users.		

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	3. There is a new multi-use trail shown on Lookout Mountain. This is an island with Pack and Saddle around it. This is an increasingly heavy use area (justifiably so because it is beautiful) and if bikers what to use it, bikers, if desired, should have a separate dedicated trail but, please retain the existing wonderful trails dedicated to hikers and horses. 4. In the Large overview map it shows a proposed multi-user trail running from Twin Pillar North to Wildcat North. In the detail of the area it does not show it. I would love to see a connecting hiker trail from Twin Pillar North to Wildcat North. This would make a lovely loop hike in the Mill Creek Wilderness. I have have used the road for a loop hike but, a trail skirting the meadows would be a wonderful improvement. 5. Please keep Round Mountain a hiker only trail (from Walton Lake to Lookout Mt. Upper). It is a gem. It is fragile and not designed for Bikers. 6. I notice a proposed multi-use trail from Mascal Corals to Rock Creek. I have bushwhacked there to make a loop hike of Spanish Peak and would love to see a trail there. Again, since the other trails are Pack and Saddle it would not be a good candidate for Bikes and should be dedicated to Hikers and Horses. 7. I noticed the proposed Multi-use trail for Hammer Creek. I would love to see that trail brought to life. I think it is an interesting, diverse, and under used area. 8. I think a connector from Black Canyon West to South Prong would be wonderful. I would think the views along the rim should be excellent. I have done a car shuttle on Black Canyon and it was no fun. Again, since this is connecting to Wilderness trails it should be dedicated to hiker/horses. By opening this up to Bikers it would be too tempting for uninformed and bad actors to enter the wilderness. 9. I think the connector from Rock Creek to Boeing Field (Owl Creek) is another winner turning the area into a destination backpacking area. Again, since this is connecting to Wilderness trails it should be dedicated to hiker/horses.	
9/21/18	(b)(6) Elayne Barclay	
	Hello, I attended the open house last night and I would like to get an electronic version of the map of the proposals. How can I get one?	
9/21/18	(b)(6) Elayne Barclay	Responded on 9/26 with the maps attached and attempted to explain some of the color coding issues to her.
	I attended the Open House last night and wanted to pass on my comments, concerns, and ideas regarding some of what I saw proposed. I am an avid horseback rider and ride in the Ochocos several times a month during the spring, summer, and fall. I am heavily involved with a regional endurance riding group (Pacific Northwest Endurance Rides) that has been putting on an annual endurance ride in the Ochocos for more than 25 years. After I got home from the Open House I was confused on what was proposed by the trail strategy group versus the "Mountain Bike Proposal", it looked like there were different proposed trails with the inset "Mountain Bike Proposal". I was also confused about the color coding on the map, some trails were shown on the existing trails map as being hike only that are currently open to other users, some were shown as being bike only on the existing map that are currently open to other users. I would like to be able to study the map of proposals more closely. Can I get an electronic copy mailed to me? I forgot to ask if there is any deadline for comments on this initial proposal? My comments on the proposals: 1. I really want to see the separate use trail for the ridge on the Lookout Mt trail. I have never ridden that trail on my horse because of that issue. I wonder about designating certain narrow steep trails as one way for bikes, such the trail along Paulina Creek in the Newberry Volcanic National Monument to reduce conflicts. 2. The most important proposal for me involved designating all the Bandit Springs endurance trails as equestrian only. Our organization may be able to give financial support to signing of these trails. We have been using these trails for more than 25 years and we have seen miles of single track trails destroyed by OHV users. This is a much beloved area for equestrians. 3. I liked seeing the proposed multi-use trail that looks like it would connect the Lookout MT TH with the northern Round Mt TH so you could ride a loop. 4. The Giddy-Up-Go trails are one on my favorite places to ride since they are so close for me to access. I hope they are kept bicycle free since they are steep and narrow. I would love to see additional trails added to this system. 5. I have ridden in the Twin Pillars Wilderness but would love to have the option of a loop ride with the addition of the proposed trails outside the wilderness boundaries on the north and south end. 5. I liked seeing the addition of multi-use loop trails starting at Wildcat campground going up toward Green Mountain	

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	6. I have never been to Allen Creek Horse Camp specifically because they are no designated trails so I would love to see a system of trails accessed from that campground. 7. I have never been to the Black Canyon Wilderness, again because I knew of no designated trails through it, I would love another wilderness are to be able to ride in where I know I will not come across OHV or bikes. Thank you for all your work!	
9/24/18	(b)(6) Mike Motschenbacher DVM (b)(6)	Thanked Mike for his feedback on 9/25
	I support the proposal to make the Bandit Springs endurance trails as equine use only, at least during the riding season. The other concern is the Lookout Mountain trail. Any changes that can be made to make the trail safer for horses and their riders would be much appreciated. There are places on the trail that could be disastrous if a horse and rider are surprised by a downhill riding bicyclist in areas where the horse can not safely get out of the way.	
9/26/18	(b)(6) Marlene Moss BUA Saddles Ghost Treeless Saddles www.BadlandsEquine.com (b)(6)	9/30/18 Thanked Marlene for her feedback and indicated that we would be reviewing it Tues.
	Hello, I am an endurance rider and trail rider. From my perspective, the priorities I would like to see (and am willing to help as time allows) are permanent signage for the Bandit Springs trails, any trails that complete loops from trail heads, and trails from the horse camp (can't remember the name, but a friend pointed out that there's a camp, but really no ability to ride from it). Another perspective that still does benefit me is some of the bike only trails to keep the bikes from going everywhere in rough terrain that makes it difficult for a horse to escape a downhill flight path. I would also love to see an effort to create Avenza maps for as much of these trails as possible as it's a great tool but there's very little available in the Ochocos except for the snowmobile routes. Thank you for your efforts in both preserving the Ochocos and making the area useful to a broad range of users.	

Equestrian Trail Proposals = Red

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Trail 1 – Bingham to Whistler	Same as hiker Box 1 hiker trail. From Bingham Springs, would make sense to go north to Old Spur and connect east to 404 road – this alternative is mapped.
Trail 2 – White Rock to Wildcat	Same as hiker 3 Alternative routing mapped in the White Rock/Wildcat area. Real issue is to create a loop – actual alignment doesn't matter.
Trail 3 – Dry Creek Add-ons	Series of small loops off the Giddyup and Go Trail. Just to add more mileage, vistas and diversity. Stacked loop formation.
Trail 4 Dry Creek – Brennan Connector	Connector trail from Dry Creek Horse Camp to Brennan Palisades. Also mapped a potential loop on mostly FS roads (across the legend).
Trail 5 – Lookout Mtn/North Point	Section of Lookout Mtn. Trail that includes North Point. Want to make that section closed to Mtn. Bikers. Proposed an alternative bike trail (laid out by bikers on their maps). Also is an area high in vistas and many types of wildflowers that should be traveled slowly for aesthetics and safety. *Note: Still need to work this out among the equestrian and bike users. Probably needs to go out there together with someone that knows how to build trails. Part of a field tour?*
Trail 6 – Endurance Trails	Large complex of trails currently used for the Bandit Springs Endurance Ride. Just need to be signed and made into official trails. Many trails. (Note: Proposed OHV trails cut right through this area. We believe that there is a need for slow travel through here.) Note: *The FS at one point had this mapped.*
Trail 7 – Allen Creek Horse Camp	Allen Creek Horse Camp area. Unable to complete proposal b/c of lack of knowledge of the area, but there's a very nice horse camp and there should be some trails there. Might also lend itself to open country travel – not necessarily a developed trail.
Trail 8 – West Fork of Mill Creek/Squirrel Ridge	West Fork of Mill Creek/Squirrel Ridge. Loops, almost entirely on Forest roads. Give us pretty forest and meadows, close to Wildcat so can use that trailhead to access them.
Trail 9 – Miner's Gulch Loop	Starting at JB Corrals on 33 Road, goes up Miner's Gulch to the mine, then two loops – one toward Harvey Gap and one shorter loop. Easy day ride from town. Good town access, good parking. 16-17 miles from town. Want to take them past the mine shaft. Almost all on decommissioned Forest Roads.

Trail 10 – Hash Rock Loop	Close to town, open Ponderosa Pine forest and vistas from old Hash Rock lookout. Start at Whiskey Pit; adequate parking there.

Hiker = Green

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Trail 1 Hikers and equestrians	Connector between Twin Pillars trailhead and Wildcat Trailheads. Outside the wilderness to make it easy to maintain to use chainsaws, paralleling rd. 27. Connects those to make a longer loop option for backpackers and horse people and runners. Safety benefits. Runners, hikers, backpackers and hunters are using it. Twin Pillars is relatively heavily used and Belknap is relatively heavily used – will disperse usage as it increases.
Trail 2 Hikers mainly, could be equestrians (but seems unlikely)	Whole new trail. Potlid trail area... Not a good out and back currently, so this makes a loop out of it. Gorgeous views over into the John Day Canyon. Goes a little funky to follow the existing roads. New loop. Looking North.
Trail 3 Hikers and equestrians	Connecting White Rock campground back down to Wildcat campground. Outside the wilderness area so it's easily cleared. Completes a loop. Gorgeous area. Twin Pillars is relatively heavily used and Belknap is relatively heavily used – will disperse usage as it increases.
Box 1 trail 4 – connecting trail 1 to 2	Connector to open up more opportunities. Opens up more usage – not used much now.
Trail 5	Totally new trail. Very rough outline in the Bridge Creek Wilderness. Listed as a roadless, trackless wilderness except that there are many people going in there hiking along the creek, destroying habitat. They are also hiking on steep cliffs and shale slopes. Put in a real trail. But if there is going to be an increase in use and lots of S&R, then we should focus that use.
WALTON LAKE AREA PLACEHOLDER	No official trails there.
South of Big Summit Prairie placeholder	Would be easy to put in trails to waterfalls
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Wolf and South Prong trailheads
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Boeing and Rock Creek trailheads (either side of creek OK)

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Black Canyon wilderness map placeholder	Link Mascal and Rock Creek TH

Bike Trail Proposals

Trail Code	Features, attributes, notes
Boxes 3, 4, A, B, and C	
Trail 1	Connectivity between Lookout and Round Mountain to get people off the main road. Connectivity between two major trails. Safety = get people off major paved road. Safety is main emphasis but also the longer ride. About 60% is existing, closed road, which seemed to be the best way to avoid the riparian and avoid opening up previously undisturbed area. Also avoids some steeper areas.
Trail 2	Creating an extra loop and connectivity on LM. High use area. Doesn't address the pinch points
Maury Map:	
Trail 1	Reestablish Hammer Creek Trail – existing mtn biking trail just needs maintenance. Same line on the map as before. Great trail b/c it's already a loop.
Box 5 Map:	
Trail 1	New trail connecting Barnhouse Campground to Keeton Trailhead. Creates a larger loop with many loops inside (feeder trails). Part of the destination idea – way away from town but people can camp in the area and spend time exploring trails. Would help bring people away from LM. Nice high alpine meadows/mixed environments.
Trail 2	Part of it is on this map, remainder is not mapped b/c it isn't on the base map. Goal is to create a really big loop. All day epic-style ride incorporating great vistas including Spanish Peak. **Sean will take the larger Black Canyon wilderness map home and map this.**
Box 1 and 2 Map:	
Ignore the line in Box 2	
Trail 1	Connectivity – see Jim Beaupres on this trail (Sarah and Sean weren't sure). Connectivity of Cougar Creek and Potlid.
Trail 2	*Same area as one of the equestrian trails* Creates a connectivity loop between the top and bottom of Potlid and the top and bottom of Scotty Creek. Incorporates historic trails and views along the way. Most is decommissioned roads. Bruce Williams has GPS for a lot of this.

Trail 3	Connection from Cougar Creek to Bandit Springs area. Existing facilities at Bandit Springs. Make it more of an official trailhead rather than having the sketchy turn off Hwy 26 to access current trailhead. Would be good for hikers and xcountry skiers too.
Trail 4	Bandit Springs. Utilizing some winter trails for summer use. Family-friendly loops right off the highway. Already some existing summer use.
Walton-Bandit Loop	Long XC loop connecting Walton Lake to Bandit Springs. By creating this connection users are able to camp at one location (Walton Lake) and access Round Mountain, Lookout Mountain, and Bandit Springs (and therefore Cougar Creek) all via single track. The Walton-Bandit loop itself would create an approximately 20-30 mile XC trail ride, with less elevation gain and of easier difficulty than the Round-Lookout Loop.
Scotty Creek - Cougar Creek Trail Complex	This trail network would be concentrated around the Scotty Creek and Cougar Creek basin. Already existing trails, shared trailhead, easy (if not close-to-town) road access, a large amount of potential expandable terrain, large vertical relief, and less user group conflict make this an ideal area for a modern trail network. The concept of this network are a series of primarily downhill directional MTB trails which begin and end at the same trailhead (or close to it). Each downhill trail would present a specific riding style and difficulty, ie. Easy, Intermediate, Difficult, Very Difficult, & Technical or Flow (typically refers to jump trails, so the emphasis in the Ochocos is on technical natural terrain). Additionally there would be a primary climbing trail to create potential for long loops without shuttling or riding gravel roads. Taken as a whole it presents a progressive, concentrated trail network. Bandit Trails would also effectively be considered part of this complex due to their proximity and connectivity to Cougar Creek
Note: Trail descriptions below are only an example of how this may be laid out. On-the-ground planning would be required to adequately determine the specific difficulty and style of each trail based on the terrain and most trails would not be strictly flow or tech but would emphasize one or the other. Typically trail networks which exist further from urban populations tend towards a higher level of difficulty, since those are the riders more likely to make the effort to visit them. This is reflected below.	
Scotty Creek (existing trail for reference in how it fits in the plan)	Intermediate (blue) DH trail. Somewhat steep but non-technical. Minimal re-routes would convert this to an beginner (green) DH with intermediate optional lines

Grant Plunge	**Very Difficult(double black), technical DH trail, splits off from Upper Scotty down the very steep ridge to the east.**
Scotty Spine	Difficult (Black), technical DH.
Scotty Climb Trail	Uphill route and Beginner (Green) DH route. Flow. Option to convert this to uphill-only traffic if increased traffic calls for that in the future.
Off the Rails	Difficult Tech DH, **alternate Double Black options**
Cougar Direct	Intermediate (blue) Tech DH
Grant creek	Intermediate (blue) Flow DH
Potlid Trail Complex	This trail network would be concentrated around the Potlid Trail area. To a lesser degree the Potlid area shares many attractive attributes to Scotty Creek - existing trail, shared trailhead, easy (if not close-to-town) road access, a large amount of potential expandable terrain, large vertical relief. The concept of this network is the same as Scotty Cougar area - a series of primarily downhill directional MTB trails which begin and end at the same trailhead. Each downhill trail would present a specific riding style and difficulty, ie. Easy, Intermediate, Difficult, Very Difficult, & Technical or Flow (typically refers to jump trails, so the emphasis in the Ochocos is on technical natural terrain). Additionally there would be a primary climbing trail to create potential for long loops without shuttling or riding gravel roads. Taken as a whole it presents a progressive, concentrated trail network.
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Potlid Climb Trail	Uphill route and Beginner (Green) DH route. Flow. Option to convert this to uphill-only traffic if increased traffic calls for that in the future.
Oven Mitt	Intermediate (blue) Flow DH
Double Boiler	**Very Difficult(double black), technical DH trail**
Pie Pan	Difficult (Black), technical DH.

Ramekin	Difficult (Black), technical DH.
Slap Chop	Intermediate (blue) Tech DH
Potlid Trail Complex	This trail network would be concentrated around the Lemon Creekarea. While lacking existing trails, lemon Creek presents a fantastic option for a trail network due to proximity to Prineville, shuttleable access road, large amount of vertical relief, scenery and variable terrain. The concept of this network is the same as the other areas - a series of primarily downhill directional MTB trails which begin and end at the same trailhead. Each downhill trail would present a specific riding style and difficulty, ie. Easy, Intermediate, Difficult, Very Difficult, & Technical or Flow (typically refers to jump trails, so the emphasis in the Ochocos is on technical natural terrain). Additionally there would be a primary climbing trail to create potential for long loops without shuttling or riding gravel roads. Taken as a whole it presents a progressive, concentrated trail network.
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Lemon Ridge	Intermediate(Blue) Blue DH. Natural Tech w/ some flow
Lemon Climb Trail	Uphill route and Beginner (Green) DH route. Flow. Option to convert this to uphill-only traffic if increased traffic calls for that in the future.
Squirrel Ridge	Intermediate (blue) Tech DH
Lemon drop	**Very Difficult(double black), technical DH trail**
Pucker Face	Difficult (Black), technical DH.
Orange Peel	Difficult (Black), technical DH.
Lemon Creek	Intermediate (blue) Tech DH
Adaptive MTB Trail	For any of the above Trail networks, we would like to integrate one trail that can serve Adaptive Mountain Bikes. These are typically 3 or 4 wheel sit-on-top bikes. Adaptive trails require special design considerations, but shuttleable downhill terrain (or a chairlift in most current examples) is a huge factor. A good example of an aMTB trail can be seen here: https://youtu.be/WbIsmHZzyb8